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THE COMMANDER in chief greets patients of an Army hospital near Teheran, following the famous Middle East Conference between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin. The President visited a number of installations in the Persian Gulf Service Command after the meeting. Notice that he has abandoned his usual luxurious limousine for an Army jeep.

—Signal Corps Photo.

'Mustering-Out' Pay Bill To Be Debated At Once

**Military Committee Recommends
Payments of \$300**

WASHINGTON—The House Military Affairs Committee this week approved a mustering-out pay bill providing payments of \$300 for men and women who serve more than 60 days in the armed forces in this war. The bill was expected to reach the floor of the House for debate this week or early next week.

Although the House committee backed a payment of only \$300, the Senate has already passed a bill which would pay discharged servicemen from \$200 to \$500, according to

length of service in the U. S. and overseas.

No Dilly-Dallying

American Legion Commander Warren H. Atherton told another House group—the Veterans Committee—that there should not be any "dilly-dallying" on the issue of benefits to veterans of World War II. Discharges now average 1000 daily and 800,000 already are back in civilian clothes, Atherton declared, as he presented his organization's program which included a proposal for \$500 mustering-out pay.

The Military Committee recommended payment of \$100 for all servicemen with less than 60 days' service. The payments in both cases would be irrespective of whether service was in this country or abroad and would not be payable to persons whose base pay is more than \$2,400 annually. (Majors would be ineligible.)

Payments would be made monthly. Those discharged at their own request to take civilian jobs would not receive anything; neither would servicemen attending colleges or other schools as students.

"Bill of Rights"

Congress also received this week the American Legion's "Bill of Rights for GI Joe and GI Jane." The Legion is planning a vigorous campaign supporting the following legislation:

1. Demobilization pay of \$500 to veterans serving 18 months or more; \$400 for 12 to 18 months service; \$300 for 6 to 12 months; \$200 for 3 to 6 months, and \$100 for less than three months.
2. Designation of the Veterans Bureau as a "vital war agency" with priorities for materials and equipment second only to the War and Navy Departments for a hospital construction.
3. Unemployment compensation credit double the amount veterans would have received in civilian work through the period of military service.
4. Payment of Federal aid to States planning to lend veterans home building funds at low interest rates.
5. Education allowances of \$50 monthly to single veterans and \$75 (See MUSTERING-OUT Page 12)

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

President Has Plan For Post-war Work

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt recommended to Congress this week a plan to provide work in the post-armistice period in the construction of 34,000 miles of super-highways which would connect 587 cities of 10,000 or more population.

The plan, which was drafted by the President's National Inter-Regional Highway Committee, is estimated to cost about \$750,000,000 annually for from ten to 20 years, and is aimed to provide direct and indirect employment for about 2,000,000 persons.

The system would be made up of modern highways, with landscaped 300-foot fenced right-of-ways, grade separations at all intersections, no stop-lights, four-lane pavements with a dividing strip at least 15 feet wide and continuous unobstructed view for at least 800 feet ahead.

Joe and Sgt. Mauldin Give Civilians a Break

WASHINGTON—The civilians are getting a break—they're being introduced to tired, dirty, unshaven, dilly-dallying Private Joe and Cartoonist Sgt. Bill Mauldin.

Sergeant Mauldin, Private Joe and his buddies need no introduction to Army Times' readers. They've furnished a belly-laugh each week ever since Bill was a rookie taking training in the states.

But this week the readers of Life magazine get to see some of Bill's Italian cartoons and readers of Ernie Pyle's column are meeting Bill. Time Magazine also writes about Bill.

Best Cartoonist

Ernie doesn't ride the brakes when he talks about the Army Times' cartoonist—he says he's the best the war has produced. The Army Times has always believed that but it is nice to know that a fellow, who gets around as much as Ernie, agrees with us.

The sergeant's cartoons got a two-and-a-half page spread in Life. One page deals with Christmas in Italy with a bottle of Scotch and Joe the principal characters. The rest of the cartoons are typical Mauldin action sketches.

"They're Old Men"

Mauldin explained for Life readers that "I was 18 when I joined the Army. I knew a lot of these kids then. Now, after they have been through a couple of campaigns, after being in the line for weeks, they're old men."

"They've aged 10 to 15 years, have beards, their eyes have bags underneath, and they wear a dopey expression like they need a lot of sleep. Some of them are getting bowlegged and flat-footed from hiking so much. The poor guys have changed so that I hardly recognize them."

No Secret Weapon; Jet-Propelled Plane Now In Production

WASHINGTON—While A. Hitler & Co. was shouting about its still secret "secret weapon" the Anglo-American Air Forces nonchalantly announced that they not only had used a jet-propelled airplane but were producing the propellerless plane in the United States.

The Royal Air Force and Army Air Forces stated that it wasn't a Buck Rogers rocket plane but was jet-driven by engines using kerosene as a fuel. The exact operation of the engines and plane is very hush-hush but it is estimated that it will fly between 500 and 600 miles an hour.

Trip to the Moon

The invention is at least 20 peace years ahead of its time in aeronautical inventions and, despite the arguments of the more conservative, already some enthusiasts are dreaming of the long-awaited trip to the moon. The enthusiasts point out that after all the Wright Brothers' first flight lasted only twelve seconds.

The plane already has a nickname. It has been called "squirrel," thanks to its noise like a tea-kettle at a full boil. To those on the ground it approaches with a shrill scream which becomes a kettle-boiling sound as it blurs overhead.

Group Capt. Frank Whittle of the RAF began experiments with the engines in 1932. His preliminary engine ran successfully in April, 1937. Whittle, who has been promoted to Wing Commander for his invention, kept his work so secret that his family first heard about it from the official announcement.

The first successful flight was made in May, 1941, with the late Flight Lt. P. G. Sayers, test pilot of Gloucester Aircraft Co., at the controls.

Through the cooperation of the USAAF, RAF, AAF Material Command, Ministry of Aircraft Production and the General Electric Co., a number of the engines were built.

Bell Aircraft Co. was given the assignment of building an aircraft suitable for operation with two of

the engines.

No Mishaps

The maiden flight of this plane was Oct. 1, 1942. Since then hundreds of successful flights have been completed without a single mishap.

According to pilots of the plane there are two distinct sensations: 1. Lack of noise, as compared with plane with propellers; 2. Lack of vibration.

Outstanding advantages of the new plane are:

Eliminates synchronization of guns;

Reduction of noise and vibration reduces pilot's fatigue;

Possibility of shortened pilot training period;

Lessening of armor and armament

(See "SQUIRT" Page 12)

Three German Plane Plants Are Smashed

WASHINGTON—Three German fighter plane assembly plants were virtually wiped out in an air attack made by at least 1,400 AAF planes. One hundred Axis planes were destroyed and 64 AAF planes downed in the major offensive.

Only one building remains standing at the Brunswick plant according to Secretary of War Knox. The other two targets were at Oescersleben and Halberstadt.

An estimated 1,000 German planes—almost half of the fighter strength in western Europe—tried to break up the attack.

The German air force has been using Naval tricks in their dogged defense. They have been using smoke screens and have been wheeling into line, just as battle-ships do, to bring the full power of rocket broadsides against the Flying Fortresses and Liberators.

"When all of them were facing us they let go a broadside of rockets," Sgt. Edward D. Baldwin, Hollywood, reported. "The rockets seemed to burst in a great line of red and yellow fire. The whole mass of rockets flew into our formation. Most of them missed but some got lucky hits."

The German planes were carrying four rockets and fired at the AAF planes in two volleys, Sergeant Baldwin said. "I don't think any of us really thought he was going to get back home."

Reds Move Ahead

Despite counter-attacks the Red Army continues its offensives on three fronts. The courage of the Red Army officers and men plus excellent equipment, partially supplied by the United States, has proved to be a match for the tired German Army.

Bitter fighting continues on the road to Rome. Despite the reserve strength the Axis tossed into the battle the Allied Armies continue to inch their way forward. The Fifth Army closed in on Cassino, the Germans left Cervaro.

Internal difficulties in the conquered countries continue to demand German Army units.

American Marines are pacing the attack in New Britain. Total Jap casualties now number 2,400 to our 400 in the fight around Cape Gloucester.

War Sec. Favors Nat'l Service Law

WASHINGTON—Secretary of War Stimson at his press conference this week said he is heartily in favor of the national service legislation proposed by President Roosevelt in his address to Congress. Stimson, adding that he would have more to say on the subject later, declined to say whether the War Department is studying the possibility of drafting women for the WACs if such a measure is passed.

The President's proposal would "make available for war production or for any other essential services every able-bodied adult in this Nation."

Arabic Pocket Guide Prepared For Soldiers

WASHINGTON—A new language guide, "North African Arabic," designed to enable the American soldier to order a meal, ask directions or buy things in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya, has been issued by the War Department.

The 53-page booklet follows the plan of previous language guides by substituting phonetic pronunciation for the native spelling, and interprets most of the words and phrases likely to be used by soldiers in that part of the world.

Since the pronunciation of Arabic varies from region to region, an effort has been made to select words which are understood everywhere in North Africa. Where that was impossible, several words have been included, with a note giving the region in which each is used.

Records accompanying the booklets to overseas units are designed to cut the necessary instructional period to six or seven hearings. However, by use of the pamphlet alone the average soldier should build a working vocabulary for himself within a short time.

Army Casualties Total 105,229

WASHINGTON—American Army casualties up to Dec. 23 total 105,229, Secretary of War Stimson announced this week. They are divided as follows:

16,831 killed.
88,916 wounded.
24,067 missing.
25,415 prisoners.

Latest figures on American losses in the Italian campaign show 18,119 total casualties, of which 2,798 are killed, 11,762 wounded, 3,559 missing.

Observers Report: Accurate Fire Saves Yank Lives in Italy

WASHINGTON—The accuracy of the American doughboys' marksmanship is attested to by captured Germans, who marvel at the Americans' shooting and ability to make every shot count, two Army Ground Forces observers with the Fifth Army in Italy reported to the War Department this week.

Lt. Col. James C. Mott, GSC, and Lt. Col. James I. King, Inf., who returned recently to the United States from Italy as observers, were enthusiastic in their praise of the American soldiers' skill with small arms and said their marksmanship is paying dividends in dead Germans and saving American lives.

Germans Spray Lead

American theories of individual expertness with small arms, stressed for more than 20 years and emphasized in the Army Ground Forces training program, have survived the ultimate test of battle, the two observers stated. In contrast with the German hit-or-miss theory of spraying an area with rapid-fire weapons, the American stresses marksmanship and selects his target before firing.

"Captured Germans," Colonel King said, "can't understand how the riflemen of an American parachute infantry regiment could face a burst of 40 or 50 rounds from the lightning fast German machine pistol, then coolly dispose of their enemy with one well aimed shot. Infantry paratroopers, armed with Springfields equipped with telescopic sights, especially were regarded with awe by the Germans, who admitted that one bullet often was enough for the American sharpshooters, at distances of 500 to 600 yards."

Other examples of the Americans' skill with small arms were related by Colonel Mott, who said he saw many instances where the superior marksmanship of the American infantryman "paid off."

"The average American infantryman," Colonel Mott, who was an observer with the 45th Division, stated "thinks of his rifle before he does any other weapon. The German goes in more for rapid-fire weapons, including the rapid-fire machine pistol, the machine gun, and the six-barreled mortar."

Nazis Cover Area

"The German doesn't use his weapons in an attempt to pick off a single individual by marksmanship. He tries to cover the whole general area with fire and hopes to get his target," Colonel Mott explained.

A story illustrating the value of good marksmanship relates how a squad, directed by Lt. Ernest Childers, Inf., of Broken Arrow, Okla., knocked out four machine gun nests on top of a rocky hill. Locating a gun firing at them from a rocky crevasse, the squad saw a seated figure of whose identity it was not certain. Germans and Americans were in such close contact that no "front line" could be determined.

Lieutenant Childers yelled. As the man rose, he was identified as a German officer. Recognition was mu-

tual and both fired simultaneously. The German was mortally wounded.

The machine gun nest was so well protected in its rocky crevasse that rifle fire would be ineffective. A member of the American squad heaved a rock into the nest. Two Germans, apparently thinking the rock a hand grenade, scrambled wildly out. American marksmanship again took its toll. Using the captured German nest, the Americans wiped out three other German nests and captured the hilltop.

Like the Movies

Another illustration of marksmanship was an incident experienced by Pfc. Earl Duff, an Infantryman, of Eaton, Colo. Duff, pinned behind a low stone wall by machine gun fire, was crawling along the wall seeking an opening from which he might locate the machine gun. Reaching a break in the wall, he was face to face with a German soldier, who had been crawling on the other side. Both reached for their weapons. Duff's marksmanship was the better.

Colonel King is from Corydon, Ind., while Colonel Mott is formerly of Union, Miss., and Buffalo, N. Y.

105th AAA Commended For Action in Three Campaigns

WASHINGTON—Pvt. Michael Sirakis, 105 A.A.A. (A.W.) Bn., sends to Army Times, from "Somewhere in Italy," a list of commendations received by his outfit during the North African, Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, which indicate that the 105th has been in the thick of the fighting, and has also done excellent work in the three campaigns.

Brig. Gen. Cliff Andrus, wrote: "Upon the successful conclusion of your first engagement I wish to express to each individual my great pride in the First Division Artillery. Your workmanlike performance of all tasks showed that you have undertaken your training in a serious manner. The action under fire was cool and precise and the results splendid."

Terry Allen Gives Praise

Maj. Gen. Terry Allen wrote from headquarters, 1st Infantry Division: "In spite of the great difficulties of supply and landing of equipment, every one did his assigned job in an outstanding manner and thereby assured success. All personnel who were attached for the operation have won the respect of the 1st Division."

Lt. Gen. G. S. Patton, Jr., wrote of the action in Tunisia: "Your unit definitely destroyed 14 and probably destroyed 9 enemy aircraft. Positions of Battery C, and First Platoon, Battery A, were overrun by enemy tanks, but before abandoning their positions as ordered, your men removed vital parts of their guns, rendering them useless to the enemy. Later all equipment except some motor vehicles was recovered and units resumed functioning."

Won Luftwaffe's Respect

Lt. Col. John Barkley, CO, 105th CA Bn., said: "Throughout the whole campaign (The Gaffsa-El Guettar operations) you were called on to face a clever enemy who has had years of operating in the most difficult terrain we have yet encountered. Faced by intense enemy shell fire and countless dive-bombing and strafing you have taught the German Luftwaffe to have hearty respect for the guns of this battalion. The ceremony with which you met these attacks has accounted for 30 enemy planes during this period."

Mac Decorates 50 Who Dared Mosquitoes

NEW YORK — The Sunday News said in a dispatch from New Guinea this week that 50 soldiers who volunteered to work in a mosquito-infested area for six weeks without any special precautions have been awarded the Legion of Merit by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The 50 GI's were said to have worked in an advanced Allied base like other soldiers, but they used neither mosquito nets nor atabrine suppressives. Most of them incurred malaria and were sent to hospitals where the experiment began.

They were part of a group of 150 soldiers used in the test. Fifty took normal precautions daily, with doses of atabrine; 50 took a new undisclosed drug, while the remainder ignored all precautions, subjecting themselves to fever which sometimes lasts a lifetime.

Result of the test was proof that atabrine is an excellent suppressive, since only one of the 50 men who took it got the fever. The new drug is a fair suppressive but does not equal atabrine. The majority of the 50 men who took no precautions got malaria.

THE PORTABLE steel landing net, now being used by the AF Force in all war theatres, has been one of the outstanding developments of the war.

Lt. Col. George W. Gibbs, OC 7th F.A. Bn., wrote: "In the period of the attachment of Battery 'B' your organization accomplished its mission with great efficiency. At no time was any responsible individual of the battery found off the alert. On the contrary it appeared that every member was particularly eager, alert and proud of his assignment and ability to perform it. As a result the Battery, hence our protected Battalion, was never caught napping by enemy aircraft."

Pvt. Serakis notes also that his unit was cited by King George of England.

Camp in New Caledonia Named for Sergeant

WASHINGTON — An Army camp in New Caledonia, South Pacific, Area, has been given the official designation of Camp Bormann, in honor of M/Sgt. Alfred A. Bormann, Signal Corps, who was killed accidentally in line of duty on Oct. 27, 1943, the War Department announced this week.

In notifying Bormann's mother of the honor paid to her son, Maj. James A. Ulio, The Adjutant General of the Army, wrote: "This is but a small indication of the admiration and love which Master Sergeant Bormann's fellow soldiers hold for his memory, and it will live as a symbol of his unselfishness and devotion to the service of our country."

Master Sergeant Bormann was accidentally electrocuted while voluntarily working late at night in an attempt to establish radio communication with a newly established island base.

Golden Chickens

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. — When enlisted men and officers here spotted what were apparently officers wearing golden eagles on the streets of nearby Hattiesburg, they saluted first, asked questions afterwards. When they asked they learned that the wearers of the yellow chickens were Mississippi colonels, members of the governor's staff. Not permitted to wear Army badges of colonelcy, they are allowed golden reproductions.

Editor Draws Cartoon, Stripe Wave Follows

CAMP SANTA ANITA, Calif. — When the rating freeze here thawed and 375 enlisted men received new chevrons, Pfc. Bob Moore, art editor and staff cartoonist of the camp newspaper, "Man o' War," claimed a personal victory.

Just a week before Moore had drawn a cartoon showing a sad-faced GI kneeling by his bunk, praying for a promotion. When the largest promotion list ever issued at Camp Santa Anita was announced, Moore was on it. He jumped to corporal.

Next week he drew another cartoon with the same GI in the identical kneeling pose, except for stripes on his underwear and a smile on his face, saying: "Thank you . . . sir!"



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Soldier Cast And Singing Stars Give The 'Merry Widow'

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Ten thousand Camp Roberts GI's met "The Merry Widow" here over the holidays and found her tops in entertainment. The occasion was the presentation of five performances of Franz Lehár's famous light opera, by a cast of soldiers, augmented by singing stars from the M-G-M studio in Hollywood.

A cast of more than 40 soldiers, a dozen women civilian employees of the post and three starlets from Hollywood put on the operetta, under the direction of Val Rosing, noted opera impresario.

"The Merry Widow" was the first in a series of light operas to be presented at this camp, utilizing soldier talent. Second production, billed tentatively for early in February, is "Rio Rita," according to Capt. M. M. Wakeman, camp special service officer, who has been arranging the series.

Among the cast were many soldiers already well known to the theater and radio public. Included were Pvt. Monty Moen, San Francisco radio comic, who delighted Roberts servicemen with his interpretation of the comic role of "Popoff;" Pvt. Clarence Stroud, lately of the Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy radio show and Earl Carroll's in Hollywood, who acted as master of ceremonies. Both are now infantry trainees at Roberts.

Camp Show Juggler Killed in Plane Crash

NEW YORK, N. Y.—USO-Camp Shows has been informed by the War Department that Bob Ripa, 30, of Buffalo, N. Y., died in a recent plane crash somewhere in the South Pacific. It was announced this week. Ripa, returning from a 12 months' tour of the South and Southwest Pacific with a Camp Show unit which left this country in December, 1942, was one of the topnotch jugglers on the American vaudeville stage. He had entertained servicemen for USO-Camp Shows in the United States from November, 1941, until his departure for his overseas tour with one of the first units to entertain in Australia and the surrounding theater of war.

New Model Glider Will Carry 30 EMs and Jeeps

DETROIT—A new glider which will carry 30 soldiers and with clearance to carry two jeeps, was tested successfully at the Ford airport at Dearborn last week.

The CG-13, as the model is designated, is a high-wing monoplane with plywood wings, of stressed skin design, internally braced. It is basically an enlargement of an earlier type of Ford-built glider which carried only 15 men.

The new glider has been designed to stand a much higher towing speed than its predecessor. It has the regular flight instruments and radio, and is equipped with two landing gears; one is the conventional wheel type with hydraulic brakes which can be dropped when desired. The other is a pair of fixed skids for use where landing area is limited.

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British and Americans Trade War Patents

WASHINGTON—The little-known British-American Patent Interchange Agreement, two years old on Jan. 1, 1944, has spurred the Battle of Production, which has achieved such glowing results.

The United States Army and Navy this week surveyed the results this agreement has brought about, focusing the spotlight on this comparatively obscure activity, and found them of great value in the war effort. For under the arrangement, there has been a free flow of patent rights and scientific and technical information. Aircraft, radio and ordnance particularly have benefited by this united effort. Great savings have been made in time and money through having specialists in their particular fields contribute their talents and inventions in solving problems that demanded speedy solution in the stress of war.

Receive Ideas Free

The program involves highly confidential equipment that is a major factor in the forthcoming victory. Government contractors, under the plan, have received absolutely free, in a great number of cases, patented and unpatented ideas of real value to the prosecution of the war.

The agreement works both ways. American manufacturers are making war goods licensed under British-owned U. S. patents, and British concerns are manufacturing war products under American-owned British patents.

Officials point out that under the agreement, which runs for the war's duration, there is a wide opportunity for additional American manufacturers to avail themselves of free licenses to utilize British-owned inventions, including those patented in the United States, to aid them in their war production. The agreement is confined to manufacturing products required in winning the war. When the war is over, the patent rights will revert to their respective owners. Property interests in the post-war use of all kinds

of industrial information are being properly safeguarded under provisions of the Lend-Lease Act.

Among the things being manufactured on both sides of the Atlantic, under the agreement, are: A kite, launched with a rocket-pistol, for use in carrying an aerial aloft to aid in sending out emergency distress signals; air compressors, range finders, illuminated gun sights, turbines, fuses, incendiary bombs, airborne lifeboats, lathes, bomb releases, catalysts—the agents which speed up chemical changes; torpedoes, condenser tubes, warship propellers, periscopes, bearings and lacquers. Many products are on the secret or confidential list and may not be publicized.

Both Nations Profit

United States naval vessels and aircraft and other activities are benefitting from the agreement and the United States Army is likewise reaping the fruits of the Interchange of ideas. For, under the plan, processes, technical information, drawings, designs and patent rights, owned by the United Kingdom or its manufacturers, are made available to Americans—and the reverse is likewise true.

Thus, American manufacturers have been supplied with information that has been of great assistance to them and to the country in the prompt and economical completion of war contracts. The procedure whereby government contractors take advantage of the services offered them under the terms of the Patent Interchange Agreement is relatively simple. The contractor files his request through the contracting officer or the technical representative of the service or agency with whom he has made his war contracts. A simple requisition is prepared and forwarded to the British representatives. Inasmuch as the British Government has broad powers under the Patents and Designs Act, the information and licenses can be made available promptly.



AFTER AMERICAN soldiers had landed in Bougainville Island in the Southwest Pacific, the Japs picked the U. S. base established there as an aerial target. This is a close-up of the under side of the barrel of a U. S. 90 mm. gun after a Jap aerial bomb had scored a direct hit on it. Note the holes through the barrel made by bomb fragments.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Practice Needed in 'Coolie Jog,' Experiments Indicate

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—The "coolie jog" is an effective way of covering ground rapidly, but since it is an unnatural pace, it should be practiced as a part of the regular physical training program, Maj. Albert M. Wunderlich, director of plans and training, recommended following experiments in "speed marches" made here by the 83rd Infantry Training Battalion.

During the experiments the battalion covered four miles in approximately 48 minutes and arrived in good condition for combat. The experiment was conducted by the battalion under the direction of Major Wunderlich. It was inaugurated by Maj. Gen. Thompson Lawrence, commander of the Infantry Replacement Training Center.

A total of 829 men of the battalion started the test runs, and only four fell out. The men carried light packs and were thoroughly "pepped up" for the event by the announcement

that the Army hopes to learn from tests like these the fastest and least tiring method of covering long ground hops.

Trainees prepared for the first test with frequent short bursts of double time to and from their training areas for three weeks prior to the test. Of the four companies which participated, two used quick time and double time and accelerated quick time and double time.

One unit used quick time and "coolie jog," while the fourth used accelerated quick time and "coolie jog."

The four companies executed the march as a battalion, but each marched to its own time. Co. A held to a sequence of three minutes double time, two minutes quick time; Co. B, three minutes accelerated quick time, one minute double time; Co. C, two minutes quick time, three minutes coolie jog; Co. D, one minute quick accelerated quick time, one minute coolie jog.

Saltwater May Be Used in GI Bread

WASHINGTON—A shortage of fresh water or salt need no longer be a handicap to the Army's bread makers. Through tests made in the Quartermaster Corps Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago, a formula for substituting sea water for fresh water and salt in bread-making has been developed, the War Department announced this week.

Samples of sea water taken from oceans around Florida, Virginia, California and Washington were tested for salt and mineral contents, strained to remove suspended matter such as algae, seaweed, and sand and then treated with calcium hypochlorate for purification. Instead of using 60 parts of fresh water and two parts of salt, the laboratory technicians used 62 parts of "salt water. Other ingredients, as well as procedure, were not changed.

The finished product showed only a slight variation from bread made according to the standard recipe in grain, texture, flavor, and crumb color. It is expected that the new formula will be included in The Army Baker, the Army's baking cook book, used in Bakers and Cooks Schools.

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They're At It Again

Well, fellows, they're at it again. Just as soon as you started using an APO and Congress played a little politics with your vote bill the old 18th Amendment gang dug out their 1918 hats, shook out the mothballs and started their act.

It's the same old routine with different characters. They're still trying to save you from yourself but this time it's not the soldiers but the industrial workers, who "done him wrong."

Just what the umbrella-totin' reformists are trying to prove is rather hazy. There are mighty few bottles of good hooch on the market and already the speakeasy variety is making throats raw and eyes crossed.

The last time the moth-eaten dry show took the road, they locked the pubs around Army camps. When they had the bush leagues well under control they staged their nation-wide campaign. Four million soldiers came home ready to celebrate "saving the world for democracy" and couldn't find the where-with-all for the celebration.

The four million soldiers got mad. Some of them became boot-leggers, some campaigned for repeal, but it took thirteen years to get the 21st Amendment passed.

The tee-totalers haven't changed a bit. In fact, some are very critical about the proposed legislation. They've just started their campaign in the rural districts and a check through the country shows it has been somewhat of a success.

Congress should receive an assist for their part in the affair. With an easy means of casting ballots, the reformists wouldn't dare stick their necks out where fourteen million axes could get a lick at them.

The proposed dry legislation doesn't stand a chance at this time. Even if the House, in a moment of weakness, passed a bill, the Senate would stomp on it.

The real danger lies in the idea suggested by the dry proposals. It clearly indicates that minority factions realize that without a soldier vote they have a chance to push through legislation which they couldn't even bring out of committee in pre- and post-war days. It indicates, clearly, the voting power in the armed forces today.

Right now, soldier, you're roped and hog-tied. Without an easy way to vote, you'll have to listen to crack-pot ideas and minority group suggestions from now until the final shot is fired.

Congress has returned from its Christmas furlough. It may have listened to the folks back home or it may have had an ear turned toward the political breezes. Judging from their reactions in going to work on mustering-out pay, a few remarks on soldiers' bills must have drifted their way.

"I'm going home to get married," a none-too-sober South Pacific veteran stated. "I don't know who she is, but in 14 days I'm going to find her and marry her. Yuh know, that's what I'm fightin' for—the right to marry a gal and the right to vote for the big boss."

He knew what he wanted. Congress would be wise in seeing that he gets it—and we don't mean the wife. He and 14 million others will be coming home some day—and that's enough votes, if united, to control this nation.

Movie Stuff

Everybody says Mike Barrett is a swell actor, but a little hard to handle at times because he has his own ideas.

It was that way when Director Robson was directing Mike in a kissing sequence with Jayne McMillan in RKO Radio's drama of the reckless 'teen-age, "Are These Our Children?"

Mike didn't want to kiss Jayne, and it took an hour of trial-and-error before satisfactory results were achieved.

"Aw," Mike would say, "that's sissy."

Jayne is 4. So is Mike.

Guy Kibbee, who has checked in at Warner Bros. for his role in "The Horn Blows at Midnight," has an impressive title in the picture. He appears in the heavenly sequence of the fantasy as "Chief in Charge of Small Planet Management."

Veronica Lake rejoined the unattached recently after her divorce from Maj. John Dettie. So did Deanna Durbin. Add the names of Olivia De Havilland, Judy Garland, Barbara Britton, Joan Leslie, Anne Baxter, Alexis Smith (engaged), Jean Heather and Katherine Hepburn and that just about rounds out the roster of Hollywood bachelor girls who may or may not take the leap in 1944.

But that's not so bad—there's always a new crop coming up.

WEATHER STATIONS have been set up by the American Air Forces in countless isolated spots.

Radio Roundup

ODDS—Carole Landis at a recent "We, the People," broadcast, signed an autograph book for a raccoon (mascot of a soldier) . . . Maestro Billy (Fibber McGee) Mills served as bandmaster under Col. Henry L. Stimson in World War I . . . Alfred (Broadway Matinee) Drake made his radio singing debut (and temporary exit from the air) by cracking on a high note and following it up with "O, nuts!"

Women musicians are no longer a novelty, so the news that Paul Whiteman has engaged a harpist of the gentler sex is only a passing bit . . . but Shep Fields had a little trouble before he engaged a lady-with-an-angel's piano. Fields decided on a harpiste because she would be reasonably safe from induction. They wired the young lady in question and an answering telegram said: "Offer came too late. Joined WAC yesterday."

Bunk Fatigue Programs: (Monday, Jan. 17, through Saturday, Jan. 22, inclusive.)

CBS (all times are EWT): Monday—6:15 p.m., Lyn Murray Orchestra and Chorus; 7:30 p.m., Blondie, with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake; 11:30 p.m., Sonny Dunham Orchestra, from Hotel New Yorker.

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The Old Familiar Farewell



The Captain Died

By Ernie Pyle

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AT THE FRONT LINES IN ITALY, Jan. 10 (By Wire)—In this war I have known a lot of officers who were loved and respected by the soldiers under them. But never have I crossed the trail of any man as beloved as Capt. Henry T. Waskow of Belton, Tex.

Captain Waskow was a company commander in the 36th Division. He had been in this company since long before he left the states. He was very young, only in his middle twenties, but he carried in him a sincerity and gentleness that made people want to be guided by him. "After my own father, he comes next," a sergeant told me.

"He always looked after us," a soldier said. "He'd go to bat for us every time."

"I've never known him to do anything unkind," another one said. I was at the foot of the mule trail the night they brought Captain Waskow down. The moon was nearly full, and you could see far up the trail, and even part way across the valley. Soldiers made shadows as they walked.

Dead men had been coming down the mountain all evening, lashed onto the backs of mules. They came lying belly down across the wooden packsaddle, their heads hanging down on the left side of the mule, their stiffened legs sticking awkwardly from the other side, bobbing up and down as the mule walked.

The Italian mule skinnners were afraid to walk beside dead men, so Americans had to lead the mules down that night. Even the Americans were reluctant to unlash and lift the bodies, when they got to the bottom, so an officer had to do it himself and ask others to help.

The first one came early in the morning. They slid him down from the mule, and stood him on his feet for a moment. In the half light he might have been merely a sick man standing there leaning on the other. Then they laid him on the ground in the shadow of the stone wall alongside the road.

I don't know who that first one was. You feel small in the presence of dead men, and you don't ask silly questions.

We left him there beside the road, that first one, and we all went back into the cowshed and sat on water cans or lay on the straw, waiting for the next batch of mules.

Somebody said the dead soldier had been dead for four days, and then nobody said anything more about him. We talked for an hour or more; the dead man lay all alone, outside in the shadow of the wall.

Then a soldier came into the cowshed and said there were some more bodies outside. We went out into the road. Four mules stood there in the moonlight, in the road where the trail came down off the mountain. The soldiers who led them stood there waiting.

"This one is Captain Waskow," one of them said quickly.

Two men unlashed his body from

the mule and lifted it off and laid it in the shadow beside the stone wall. Other men took the other bodies off. Finally, there were five lying end to end in a long row. You don't cover up dead men in the combat zones. They just lie there in the shadows until somebody else comes after them.

The uncertain mules moved off to their olive groves. The men in the road seemed reluctant to leave. They stood around, and gradually I could sense them moving, one by one, close to Captain Waskow's body. Not so much to look, I think, as to say something in finality to him and to themselves. I stood close by and I could hear.

One soldier came and looked down, and he said out loud:

"God damn it!" Another one came, and he said, "God damn it to hell anyway!" He looked down for a few last moments and then turned and left.

Another man came. I think he was an officer. It was hard to tell officers from men in the dim light, for everybody was grimy and dirty. The man looked down into the dead captain's face and then spoke directly to him, as tho he were alive: "I'm sorry, old man."

Then a soldier came and stood beside the officer and bent over, and he too spoke to his dead captain, not in a whisper but awfully tender, and he said:

"I sure am sorry, sir."

Then the first man squatted down, and he reached down and took the captain's hand, and he sat there for a full five minutes holding the dead hand in his own and looking intently into the dead face. And he never uttered a sound all the time he sat there.

Finally he put the hand down. He reached up and gently straightened the points of the captain's shirt collar, and then he sort of rearranged the tattered edges of his uniform around the wound, and then he got up and walked away down the road in the moonlight, all alone.

The rest of us went back into the cowshed, leaving the five dead men lying in a line, end to end, in the shadow of the low stone wall. We lay down on the straw in the cowshed, and pretty soon we were all asleep.

Doing 'The Impossible' Wins Silver Star Award

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—For taking 12 wounded paratroopers from the front lines to safety with his truck, after officers said it was impossible, Pvt. Woodall I. Marsh, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been awarded the Silver Star, the War Department announced.

Maj. Gen. John P. Lucas presented the award to Pvt. Marsh at a ceremony held near the front lines on December 21, 1943. Private Marsh thus became the first Negro to receive the Silver Star in this theater.

Letters

Gentlemen:

On the subject of WACabulary: 1. The WAC at Camp Crowder, Mo., insists a "zebra" is not just an ordinary GI. He must have stripes "down"—be at least a Tec. 3.

2. "Zebra Hunting" is a jaunt to the PX or Service Club and "Zebra Bait" is all the perfume and cologne we received from Santa.

T/4 Dorothy C. Pratt
WAC Detachment CSCRTG
Camp Crowder, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Recently I read in an issue of the "Army Times" where someone obtained a copy of a map of Army camps. Now I'd like to know if it is possible for me to get a copy or is it just available to servicemen and women?

I would appreciate having one very much, because my husband is in the Army, besides various cousins and brothers. The children would also like to follow all our friends in the different camps. It would be quite interesting for us to be able to know where everyone is located at.

If it is not possible for me to have this map, I'm very sorry to have troubled you.

Mrs. Sophie Moore
1460 W. Chicago Ave.
Chicago 22, Ill.

(No trouble at all; the map is on its way.—Ed.)

Gentlemen:

I have several serious proposals to offer instead of criticizing or asking why this or that isn't being done.

Officers have a prescribed period to serve and then have an opportunity for promotion. It is apparent that the General Staff promotes officers as a reward and it should be realized that the same policy should apply to enlisted personnel. The announcement of promotions of 11,000 nurses only aggravated the discontent of those of us who have no such reward to look forward to.

A simple solution would be to offer examinations to EM, enabling them to compete against a standard. This would raise the calibre of non-commissioned officers.

Directing officers to take part in discussion groups regarding the objectives of war will lead to a more competent leadership. Leadership by example, also, will produce greater respect and comradeship, as well as efficiency.

In Confidence
McCaw General Hospital
Walla Walla, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I am a member of an infantry unit and ratings are one of the hardest things to get. When a private has 18 months in service and his records are in excellent condition should he not receive a stripe?

I have known men to brave all kinds of weather, driven trucks across No Man's Land, day after day. Because they rated low in AGCT scores should that be a reason for not making them a Pfc.? It hurts to see them put in the same class as goldbricks.

The Army will benefit by rewarding those men, who keep a good record, are dependable and who use their ingenuity.

Pvt. Albert T. Drews
Somewhere in the Aleutians

(WD recently passed out 275,000 stripes to EM of the Queen of Battles.—Ed.)

Gentlemen:

Last summer the Army Times published an article concerning a phonetic language system devised by a well-known Senator.

This system consisted of a number of symbols representative of all possible vocal sounds inherent in languages throughout the world.

Would it be possible for you still to send particulars and details promised at the close of the article?

Pvt. Joseph L. McMillin
Area 2, 34th T. S. S.
Scott Field, Ill.

(We are forwarding this material to you. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

Speaking of "new wrinkles," I have long been wondering why any type of smoke screen air camouflage has never been used or attempted for Army aircraft, or isn't this possible? It is so successfully used with ships at sea, seems something could be worked out for aircraft as well, despite their much greater speed, etc.

As I say, I've been wondering . . . Sgt. Harold O. Ward
412th TSS,
Keesler Field, Miss.

(Army Times is curious. Can some reader answer the sergeant's question? Ed.)

UP TO October 1, 1943, a total of 26,900 American planes have been exported to the Allies by lend-lease or direct purchase.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Private Barnes—"Freddy" to his many admirers among the fair sex of the nation—Co. B, 718th Tank Battalion, at **CAMP CAMPBELL**, Ky., got enthusiastic and wrote two love-letters, one of which went airmail to "Betty" in Omaha, and the other in regular fashion to "Marylyn," in Clarksville, Tenn. Freddy was careless in his enclosures and the other day a note came to him from Tennessee telling him that she definitely wasn't his "Beloved Betty." Now, waiting nervously for what may be cooking in Omaha, he has decided to stick to his guns and leave women to the other guys.

During the inspection of barracks in Battery C, 33rd Battalion, at the Replacement Training Center, **FORT SILL**, Okla., the inspecting officer noticed a ripple in an NCO's pillow. He investigated, as inspecting officers do, while the sergeant grinningly stood by. He found—a fine set of upper teeth.

He has six sons in the service, five of them overseas, so Oscar L. Phelps, of **AMARILLO**, Tex., has renamed his business the "Six-Star Drug Store." Private Theodore is in Central Signal Corps School; S/Sgt. William, of the Coast Artillery, is in the South Pacific; Lloyd is in Sicily with an Army unit; Joe is with an M. P. battalion somewhere overseas, and John, a petty officer in the Navy, is stationed in Hawaii.

While his knees must come up somewhere round his chin when he drives his jeep for the 10th Armored MP's at **CAMP GORDON**, Ga., Pvt. Ernest Sawyer has the distinction of being an extra good driver, as well as the boast of being the tallest MP in the Army. From the soles of his size 13½ shoes to the top of his head is exactly six feet 10 inches. Through some clerical error Sawyer's height is given on his enlistment papers as six feet five.

When he entered the Army he was assigned to a tank battalion and eventually became a driver. But ran into difficulty, since, while he could lower himself into the driver's seat without too much difficulty, he

couldn't button up the tank afterward. So, since they couldn't very well make a tank to order for him, like his clothing, he was transferred to the MP platoon. He says he has one comfort. Nobody wants to borrow anything of his GI outfit.

The popular Irving Berlin song from "This is the Army," about not having breakfast in bed any more doesn't apply to Pfc. Caesar A. Padula, bugler of the 796th Battalion at **CAMP STEWART**, Ga. One Saturday night the cooks at the other end of the barracks asked whether anyone would be getting up for Sunday morning breakfast. As a joke Padula allowed he'd take his breakfast in bed, just this once. He must be liked in his outfit, since the cooks took him up on it, and in due time he was awakened to find a tray with grapefruit, bacon and eggs, toast and coffee, right beside him. Who says there isn't comfort in the Army, even for a bugler?

Interviewing recruits in the classification division of the Army Air Forces Training Command, **MIAMI BEACH**, Fla., often brings out unexpected bits of humor. Pvt. Bill Quachie told the interviewer that his civilian occupation had been that of a "filler." Further questioning revealed that he had for some time been filling bottles of moonshine for a backwoods bootlegger.

Love laughs at locksmiths, it has long been said. But not, it appears, at Army regulations. A few weeks ago Pvt. Mary Kay (Sarge) Bowers and Cpl. Charles Bowers, of **CAMP CAMPBELL**, Ky., were married in nearby Hopkinsville, Ky. GIs of the camp were amazed to see them return and report for duty and bed check just a few hours later.

They apparently camouflage their foxholes well in the bivouac at the Wichita Mountains Wild Life Refuge, training grounds for the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at **FORT SILL**, Okla. One day Pfc. Herman M. Kramer, Battery C, 33rd Battalion, was walking about carefully, when suddenly his six feet plus was reduced to two feet. He had inadvertently stepped into a foxhole.

Special Services Caught With Its Supplies Down

HEADQUARTERS—PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT—A requisition by a harbor defense battery commander for five acres of level ground caught the Special Service Office of the Coast Artillery Command here with its supplies down today.

Obviously, the request was no laughing matter. Capt. Victor C. Little, of Pensacola, Fla., made it after his unit received a shipment of tennis equipment from Lt. Frederick M. Daly, of San Francisco, Special Service officer of Col. Frederick Mountford's organization.

Capt. Little's Coast Artillerymen occupy a tiny island that is so full of hills that two soldiers several feet apart, in order to carry on a conversation, must yell up and down at each other.

When the racquets and balls arrived, Capt. Little hopefully telephoned Lt. Daly and explained that he would not like to see this equipment go to waste.

"We received your shipment," he advised. "We would like to requisition five acres of level ground in order to put it to maximum use."

Unable to fill the order himself, Lt. Daly dutifully contacted Lt. Marshall P. Kean, Jr., assistant Special Service officer of the higher echelon.

"If any level ground turns up, we'll be glad to supply it," Lt. Kean said. "All available level ground has already been issued."



MAKIN ATOLL in the Gilbert Islands is now American held after being wrested from the Japs, the first island north of the equator to be occupied by any Allied troops since Japan's push southward. Here an American soldier opens cans of "C" rations containing cookies and candies and presents them to native girls.

U. S. Soldiers Sent Home Strange Variety of Gifts

NEW YORK—The American soldier overseas was versatile in the gifts he selected to send home for Christmas. It is reported by national headquarters of the USO here, which queried its principal centers as to the types of gifts received in the United States.

Musical instruments from Johannesburg, South Africa; Turkish fezes, haboshes (Oriental heelless slippers), angora sweaters, command-type knives and pistols taken from the enemy, perfumes, silks, rare and precious stones are but a small part of the list.

Cat's Eye Pearl
One mother received a cat's eye pearl from the South Pacific. Another a bracelet made from the fuselage of a wrecked German plane. Others got five-foot javelins

from Suba, Pago-Pago and Tongatuba.

One recipient in Atlanta, Ga., reported getting a Japanese skull and two Japanese love birds. Tampa reported the arrival of painted emu eggs and bronze Tunisian daggers. Friends in San Francisco received miniature outrigger canoes from New Guinea.

From South Pacific
Other gifts coming home were woven palm rugs from Tulagi, a machete cut from a smashed Jap plane, native hand-wrought silver jewelry, and ivory and leather items from North Africa. Jade necklaces, pins and bracelets came from the South Pacific, as also did sea shells carved by the natives into small birds and animals.

With Christmas cards generally scarce, overseas men resorted to the work of mimeograph artists repro-

duced on V-mail forms and distributed from Red Cross, Salvation Army and recreation centers and canteens abroad. The black and white designs, generally with a simple pine, star or holly motif, usually included company, regiment or unit inscriptions.

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Troops Free from Pellagra Thanks to Proper Army Diet

ATLANTA, Ga.—In the southeast, notorious in the past for producing over 90 per cent of the pellagra cases in the United States, not one case has been reported among the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who have trained or are training in this area.

The answer is the carefully planned diet worked out for the troops, with the knowledge that foods containing niacin must be consumed regularly to banish the disease that once was the scourge of armies, says Capt. Milton O. Lee, nutrition officer, Fourth Service Command.

Doctors have known for years that the eating of certain foods would prevent pellagra, but today it is known that niacin is the preventive element, Captain Lee explains, adding that liver, yeast, lean meats, fish, legumes, wheat germ and potatoes are effective in the order named.

It has been determined that an active man requires about 18 milligrams of niacin daily, but the Army nutrition men do better than that

and work out daily menus for the soldier that give him at least 22 milligrams. As cooking destroys as much as 20 per cent of the original niacin content in food, that fact is considered as well as the food that the soldiers will eat when placed before them.

Potatoes, as an example, contain a comparatively small amount of niacin, but are universally liked, hence they are served often and in copious quantities. A survey of the December master menu, a guide to every unit mess menu, gives an idea of the manner in which the soldier's diet is controlled to give him the pellagra preventive required. He got potatoes at 43 meals during the month. Steaks, roast beef and pork, liver, lamb, fish, poultry, veal, sausage and bacon, the foods with the heaviest niacin content, were served 80 times during December.

Bread, baked from highly milled flour, ordinarily is not rich in niacin, but being the "staff of life" and eaten at every meal, the flour is enriched, niacin being added as the flour is processed—just to be sure that the American fighting man misses no opportunity to keep healthy while he is learning or working at the new trade of soldiering.

Warren Boxing Team Stripped by Transfers

FORT WARREN, Wyo.—Although fewer in number, Fort Warren's entrants in the boxing tournament at Denver this month will include three of the July champions and one runner-up.

Definitely lined up for the event Monday were Pvt. James Roberts, 175-pound king; Cpl. Mario Centi, 135-pound monarch, and Sgt. Ernest McDonald, boss of the heavyweights. In addition to Pvt. Jimmy Dunn, transients in the boxing tournament at Fort Ed Reyes, lightweight; Cpl. Rudolph Barrett, now listed at 126 pounds, and Cpl. Richard Elver, 160 pounds.

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Litter Squads At Work

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY—They work mostly at night, without light. Carrying a heavy burden they toil over rocky, muddy mountain paths, often under enemy fire, with never a chance to shoot back. Some of them have walked the mountains for two days and nights at a stretch without sleep, covering as much as 125 miles. They are the medical soldiers carrying wounded back to the hospitals from the mountain fields of the 5th Army front. Distinctive arm bands and red paint on their helmets identify them as non-combatants and by and large the enemy holds his fire. But the identification gets muddy and of course can't be seen at night. Recently three litter squads completed the evacuation of 15 wounded Americans from a valley in the hills above Venafro. They heard not a shot nor a sound as they worked. As the last medical soldier withdrew an American infantryman rose from his covering position and started to advance. He was shot through the head before he had taken three steps.

Handling The Chow

ALGIERS—A gloomy old warehouse deep in the crawling commerce of the market district used to be packed to its rafters with huge wooden wine barrels. Now the place is crammed with row upon row of cased GI food. In the gloomy depths and in the yard outside soldiers of the Quartermaster Corps, assisted by about 100 Arabs, work day and night. T/3 Walter E. Renfro shuffled a newly received telegram and an Army menu made up in advance in Washington and decided how many cans of peas, squares of bacon and pork chops an outfit is going to get. Then, armed with authorization from Renfro, the unit representatives enter the warehouse and pick up their chow. Sgt. Bernard Fasbinder, of Kansas City, handles the fresh fruits and vegetables, such as sweet potatoes from Fez, onions from Oran and perishables from this immediate area. Pfc. Anthony Margherita, of New York City, presides over the repairing of broken cases and the condemnation of food smashed in shipping. He learns whether food is unfit by tapping the cans. "It makes a certain sound you get to know," he says.

Excellent Armor

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—A Bible in his shirt pocket saved Pvt. Franklin Rarnell, of School Haven, Pa., from injury when a fragment from an exploding shell struck him in the chest. Shells and mortars were dropping near his position on the 36th Texas Division front, with shrapnel, whistling in all directions, finding its targets. Rarnell was among those hit but the fragment spent itself in the Bible, penetrating the last page, but only scratching his chest.

'Some Guy'

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA—William Batkay, of Bayside, L. I., had been evacuated, wounded, from New Britain. He looked up from a hospital bed one afternoon to see a fatherly looking man beside him who said: "Son, tell me about it." "I felt as though the whole world had come up and hit me," he replied. The man smiled and remarked: "That's just the way I felt the first time I was wounded in the last war." The smiling, fatherly man was Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who spent an hour or more talking to the wounded in the hospital. He's some guy," asserts Batkay.

It Works—But How?

LONDON—A Maori talisman in the form of a grass skirt, which is reputed to preserve its wearer from harm, came from the aborigines of New Zealand for Capt. G. W. K. Keble-Smith, of the battleship Ramilles, who wears it over his battle dress when in action. Made of thick, reed-like grass, and with a pattern imprinted by the delicate burning of a section of each reed, the skirt hangs just below the captain's knees as he directs battle operations from the bridge. Other captains and admirals of the British fleet have worn similar talismans, and notably, not only the wearer but also their ships, have escaped serious effects of enemy fire, while others in the same actions have suffered major damage and also been sunk.

Another Side of the Story

WITH THE 5th ARMY IN ITALY—The staff section of the battalion CP sat before the fireplace in the mayor's house of the town talking of home. "Did you read what those senators said?" the S-2 asked. "They said they would make it a law to send men home after one

year." "Eight months out here," the battalion sergeant major commented. "I'd like to go home in a year. Think of a bed with sheets." There was a knock on the door and a British Tommy stood dropping cold rain in the doorway. "How long have you been away from home?" the operations sergeant said, after he had been made comfortable. The Tommy spread his hands to the fire. "There was France—Dunkirk, you know. And then Tunisia, and Sicily and now here. I guess about four years, though it might be less. Some of the chaps haven't been back for six years," he commented. After a while the Americans began talking again. But no one said anything about how long he had been overseas.



SITTING PRETTY on a velvet perch is Dance Band Canary Julie Gibson, newly signed to a Hollywood contract.

Colors, Marks on Containers Reduce Beachhead Confusion

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—Although the Ordnance Department is usually identified in the public mind with the manufacture of battle tools and ammunition, it frequently undertakes efficiency tasks which, though little known, are nevertheless of considerable battle importance.

Paint in a case in point. Lt. Col. August Schomburg, executive officer, Ordnance Research Center here, said this week that the inevitable beachhead confusion that attends any invasion operation is being greatly reduced by the limited number of clearly recognizable identifying marks and colors on all types of boxes and containers of combat supplies put ashore under the guns of the enemy.

Eliminated Shades "U. S. Army specifications," Colonel Schomburg declared, "formerly included paints of 175 different hues. With the cooperation of the various War Department agencies, Army Ordnance eliminated 103 superfluous shades and standardized 72 colors." Paint is playing a highly important role in this war.

Service colors for markings of overseas shipments have now been standardized as follows: Yellow for Ordnance, light blue for Air Forces, red for Engineers, blue for Chemical Warfare, willowgreen for Quartermaster, orange for Signal Corps, maroon for Medical Corps and light gray for Transportation.

Every Army vehicle is identified in battle by a white star, put on with a paint spray gun in a conspicuous place; the identification number on the vehicle is blue drab.

Identifying Color Shade Bombs, whether fragmentation, armor-piercing, smoke or demolition, and ammunition, whether ball, tracer, incendiary, armor-piercing or high explosives, have a particular identifying color shade assigned to them to facilitate their handling in the confusion of battle. Paint for camouflage purposes has also been standardized and manuals have been issued to troops giving a glossary of paints and coatings for spe-

Fighting Fools

French Make Good Use Of Yank Equipment

WASHINGTON—Fighting under the old standards and unit designations which tradition has endeared to the French Army, but with American equipment, French units have taken their place among the United Nations forces pounding their way up the Italian peninsula. Reports on the effective use of American materiel by the French are brought back to the War Department by Col. Eugene Villaret, CAC, American officer of the International Aid Division, Army Service Forces, who is back from a 10-week assignment in the Algiers office of the Joint Rearmament Committee.

Many of the French officers, in fact, are the same ones who successfully participated in combat against the Germans from 1914 to 1918. Their men, delighted with their new weapons, are anxious to

form the spearhead of an attack to drive the Nazis out of France itself. Each man quickly becomes attached to his own particular weapon or vehicle.

Air Force Formed

In addition to the ground troops of the French, a well-balanced air force is being formed, and part of it already has proved its mettle in battle. The French aviators are described as "fighting fools" by American aviators and news correspondents who have seen them in action.

The French name their tanks and other motorized equipment, as do the Americans. They do so, however, with a serious outlook, using the names of historical personages and geographical locations, and the naming is done by the French Army itself, and not by individual users of the material. The designations do not include comic characters and slangy phrases typical of the breezy, informal outlook of many American "GIs."

Native African troops, such as Moroccans, Algerians and Tunisians, make up about 70 per cent of the French Army personnel, the remainder being European French, many of whom are officers, non-commissioned officers and specialists. The Moroccans, being mountain fighters, are finding the Italian campaign to their liking because of the mountainous terrain encountered.

Native Troops Excellent

Native troops, especially the Moroccans, are excellent in attack operations, says Colonel Villaret, and are temperamentally unsuited for the defensive. In the World War they fought largely as shock troops in the assault because of their inherent preference for the offensive, he recalled. The native element of any one division is either all Moroccan or all Algerian. The Tunisians and Senegalese, less numerous than the others, are organized into regiments.

All this personnel has been put into American uniforms. Identifying badges are being issued, to be worn on the breast, being a shield bearing the blue, white and red of the French tri-color. Until the badge is obtained, and American buttons replaced, however, there is difficulty in distinguishing some of the French from American troops.

Due to the personnel requirements of American equipment, the French Army tables of organization for combat troops necessarily have been drawn up along American lines. Great ingenuity is displayed by the French at their repair bases. Often lacking in sufficient equipment to repair their American-made equipment, they have not been slow to improvise when necessary.

Put Motor on Back

"I saw a large frame built from timber, on which the motor of a certain tank could be clamped, then turned over and over so that French mechanics could work on any part of the motor without being forced to work from a pit underneath," Colonel Villaret said. "Its operation was similar to that of a spit over a fire."

American Army mechanics have helped train the French for repair of American material, and the French have been quick to learn.

"North Africa never was developed industrially," said Colonel Villaret in telling of the need for American supplies. "Practically all manufactured articles must be imported. The Army always had been equipped from France. With the fall of France all traffic in weapons ceased. Equipment that wore out could not be replaced."

American arms go to French units destined for combat service, and the former French equipment is issued to North African forces charged with home security.

NEW KINKS

Ambidextrous Gloves

A new type of handwear developed by the Quartermaster Corps is known as an ambidextrous glove. The thumb of the new glove is knitted in a straight line with the fingers so that the glove fits either right or left hand comfortably. It is said to have many advantages over the old knitted type. The weak spot in the former thumb socket has been overcome, since the glove is knitted without intersections and, being transferable, wear on the back and palm is equalized. While the glove was originally intended as an insert for an outer leather glove shell in cold climates, it has proved popular for light work and driving.

Enlarger Made From Scrap

Using a two-gallon tin can, a piece of board, a light plug and the lens of a Speed Graphic Camera, Cpl. Jean Honguer, of Co. G, 7th Quartermaster Training Regiment at Camp Lee, has built a useful photographic enlarger. Honguer is one of the instructors in a photography club which has been organized in the 7th Regiment. He is a "Free Frenchman" fighting in the U. S. Army and was engaged for some time taking photographs on the Normandie and Ile de France.

They Get Their Haircuts

When the 79th Division was on desert maneuvers in California recently, there was a problem as to how the men would be able to get the usual haircuts. Pfc. David T. Dovel, of Battery C, 312th FA Battalion, got an idea. He connected his electric clippers to an AB 40, 150 volt battery and was able to give a GI haircut in regular barber shop style any time.

Furloughs From Quiz

A quiz program patterned after a popular radio show, which leads to the granting of additional furloughs has been introduced by an anti-aircraft unit at Camp Edwards, Mass. The quiz questions deal with military equipment, guns, equipment and everything GI. The reward starts with two cents for answering the first question correctly. If a contestant reaches the 64-cent question, he is considered eligible for the grand prize—a seven-day furlough. Pvt. Beverly Krause, of Beverly, Mass., was the first winner of the furlough.

Studying Bullet-Action

X-ray "pictures," or radiographs, taken in a millionth of a second with a new Westinghouse X-ray machine, make possible studies of the action of bullets in gun barrels, and also when they hit targets of armor plate or other materials. The Army has two of the new machines at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, and two at the Ballistics Research Laboratories at the Ordnance Proving Grounds at Aberdeen, Md. Two mobile units are placed side by side, so that two pictures of a single bullet can be taken at different stages of its flight. Each unit weighs 1,800 pounds, is eight feet long, seven feet high and three feet wide. An ultra high-speed tube 24 inches long projects from the front of the carriage.

Saves Carbon Papers

Frances Clark, secretary to the adjutant at Camp Ellis, Ill., was awarded \$5 by the War Department for an "Idea for Victory" in saving carbon paper. She puts the old carbons over the warm surface of her desk lamp, so that the carbon melts, making the sheets like new. She says any warm, but not too hot, surface will do the trick. Her suggestion is being used throughout the post.

Three Who Tried to Gyp ODB Caught, Sentenced

NEWARK, N. J.—Three women and a former soldier received prison sentences aggregating six years for unlawfully obtaining family payments, Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, has announced. The convictions were handed down by Federal court judges in Boston, Miami, and Los Angeles.

"Those who unpatriotically defraud the government by illegally receiving a family allowance will be quickly apprehended and prosecuted," General Gilbert said.

The three cases were unearthed by the ODB Field Investigations Branch, the director revealed. The ODB maintains FBI offices in nine key cities from coast to coast.

A three-year sentence was given Mrs. Pauline Stagner of Los Angeles for illegally receiving a family allowance for herself and her son. Claiming that her husband, Jack

Stagner, had been lost in the Pacific, Mrs. Stagner went through a marriage ceremony with Douglas Cluver, a soldier. She then received a family allowance based on the service of Cluver. Investigation revealed the facts of the case and she was quickly brought to justice. Federal Judge Benjamin Harrison at Los Angeles passed the sentence and then placed her on probation.

In Boston, Federal Judge Arthur D. Healy sentenced Cecil Vernon Cox, a former Army private, and Miss Withersall to serve a year and a day. They represented themselves as legally married while Cox was still the husband of another woman.

Mrs. Mildred Turner, who posed as the wife of two soldiers for the purpose of receiving family allowance payments from the ODB, was sentenced at Miami by Federal Judge John W. Holland to serve a year and a day.

20th Armored's CG To Address Grads

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Brig. Gen. Roderick R. Allen, Commanding General of the 20th Armored Division, stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., will be the principal speaker at the graduation of the 57th class of the Armored Officer Candidates at Fort Knox, Ky., it was announced.

The theme of General Allen's address will be the requirements of new officers in the Army and the tasks that lay ahead of them. The 57th graduating class is made up of former enlisted men from Armored Divisions, tank battalions, tank destroyer and other arms of the Army.

Rotation of Troops Overseas Established

WASHINGTON—Troops overseas who have been longing for home received further assurance this week that the War Department is doing all it can to relieve them. According to Senator Reynolds, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, a troop rotation policy has been adopted.

The new policy "should assure" that by mid-1944 all soldiers in Alaska and the Caribbean areas with two years of overseas service will be returned to the United States, Mr. Reynolds said.

In Other Theatres

Mr. Reynolds reported the outlook for other areas as follows:

North Africa: Plans have been instituted to return monthly a limited number of men with more than eighteen months of overseas service.

South and Southwest Pacific: "It is anticipated that the present difficulties in returning men from these theatres of operation will be overcome in the spring of 1944, and that a system will be put into effect to return a certain number of men to the United States."

European: "Up to the present time men in this theatre, other than those in the air crews, have not been subject to combat fatigue and stress, and the climatic conditions do not necessitate a change, and therefore no system has been established for this theatre for the rotation of troops to the homeland. As the situation changes in the European theatre a system will be put into effect."

Air Crews Returned

Air-crew personnel: "The rotation of air-crew personnel serving overseas in all theatres has been established and is functioning satisfactorily."

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Reynolds issued his report after a number of Congressmen had urged passage of a law or resolution calling upon the Army to return men to the United States for short furloughs after two years overseas service—where it would not interfere with the war effort. The War Department has insisted consistently that because of shipping problems such a policy would disrupt military planning.

Senator Reynolds said the problem has received constant study by the general staff, but he pointed out a number of difficulties to be overcome:

More, not fewer, troops are needed overseas.

New theatres of operations are anticipated.

Replacements must be shipped to cover attrition.

Supplies, equipment and munitions must receive priority in shipments.

Seasoned troops cannot be withdrawn in the midst of operations unless fresh troops are available to replace them.

No Limit Set

He added: "The general staff of the Army has realized from the outset that our combat soldiers who might experience combat fatigue and stress should be returned home as soon as possible, and with that in mind have been constantly planning for the release of such men when it is possible to replace them."

"The present deterring factors previously mentioned make it undesirable to prescribe a definite tour of service which a soldier should serve overseas before being replaced and returned home. Through efforts now being made, it is anticipated that the present difficulties will disappear."

Hill 960 Taken By 96th in Epic Battle

HILL 960, SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—The assault and capture of this position, as with Hill 370 adjacent, will stand as monuments to American courage with the struggle at bloody Hill 690, of the North African campaign.

The men of the 36th Division launched its attack on the night of December 2, knowing that the positions were crawling with German snipers, with well-hidden enemy machine gun and mortar installations.

The climb, treacherous under any conditions, with narrow trails, rocky ledges and tangled undergrowth, defied motorized movements. But the positions were a crucial key to the Allied advance.

Hill 370 fell on the second day of the assault. Large stores of supplies were accumulated at forward positions to begin the attack on Hill 960. The men from Texas had had no more than four hours' sleep for several nights. German artillery continued to scatter them in the darkness. Some fell in deep ravines or slipped from high ridges. It required ten men to carry a litter case down the slippery trails to the field hospitals. But always the Texans regathered to press the attack.

After a seven-day nightmare of fighting the 36th moved ahead to a position known as La Defense, where they encountered the massed strength of a German infantry company. The battle went on at crescendo pitch for 18 hours but finally the Germans broke and the Americans stormed the summit of the hill in a final, unstoppable surge.

Cordage Saved By Substitutes

WASHINGTON—An annual saving of more than 10,000 tons of critical manila and sisal cordage through the use of substitutes was announced this week by the War Department.

With imports of manila fibers virtually choked off and sisal imports inadequate to meet demands, the Army is using cotton, jute and coir (a coconut husk product) fibers, except in cases where manila and sisal must be used. At the request of the Army Service Forces, all manila rope is now stockpiled and carefully controlled by the War Production Board.

The Quartermaster Corps, which first replaced manila with sisal and is now substituting cotton for sisal, has realized a savings in tent items alone reaching 13,755 pounds of sisal per 1,000 tents. The Transportation Corps, through the use of steel chain and steel-wood combinations is saving more than 18 tons of critical fibers on each of its big troop transports. Thousands of pounds of the scarce fibers have been saved by the Engineers Corps through virtual elimination of their use in the Corps' construction program. The Ordnance Department also has effected heavy cordage savings.

Skyways Section Covers 'Weather and Warfare'

NEW YORK—Skyways Magazine for February includes a special 16-page color section on "Weather and Warfare," which will be interesting to all Air Force personnel.

The factual data in the section has been checked by the Weather Information Branch, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, thus assuring its authenticity.

The section, divided in two parts, "Weather in Bombing" and "Weather in Reconnaissance," covers its subject thoroughly in text, color charts and photographs.

The special issue of Skyways is now on sale at post exchanges and news stands.

Psychological Incentive

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—As soon as visitors enter Camp Butner's post finance office they spot a large white arrow, 10 feet long and three inches wide, attached to the counter facing the door. Since homo sapiens is a curious animal, they follow the arrow down to its point, where they find a tiny, one-inch square of paper. On the paper, Maj. Sylvan Wiener, a psychologist as well as post finance officer, has inscribed the words: "Buy More War Bonds!"

Discharged Soldiers Eligible To Be Government Guards

WASHINGTON—Discharged soldiers are among those persons eligible for positions as departmental guards to patrol and guard Government buildings in Washington, the Civil Service Commission has announced. The positions pay \$1500 a year basic salary plus overtime. There is no written examination and no age limit. Applications may be obtained from the Commission's Information Office, 801 E St. NW, Washington.

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INGENUITY in utilizing field expedients is to be seen in this improvised shower which is part of a sanitation demonstration at Camp Crowder, Mo. Three living trees were used in the construction. The ladder is two saplings with boughs cut from other trees to form rungs. Another growing tree is used as one of the supports for the boards covering the shower and supporting the barrel.

—Picture by CSCS Photo Lab.

Desire for Revenge Listed By Many Women Volunteers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As reports of the high cost of captured Tarawa rolled in, scores of women whose sweethearts, husbands, or brothers had been killed there enlisted in the women's branch of the Marine Corps, desiring "revenge" or "to take his place."

One WAC recruit explained her enlistment, saying that she had to do something. "My brother was a flyer. He crashed two weeks ago and the last thing he had said to me was, 'I think you should go into one of the armed services.' So I'm doing what he wanted me to."

Many Youngsters

All the women's corps reported a heart-warming increase in enlistment of girls in the younger age group. One college student rushed through her last year at Syracuse in six months so that she might join the WAVES that much sooner, and several recruiting officers tell of 19-year-olds filling out their application blanks before their birthdays so that they could be sworn in as soon as they were old enough.

Some of the enlistments no doubt are due to New Year's resolutions. A great many more—903 a week to be exact—are due to the personal Air-WAC recruiting campaign which every man in the AAF was urged to undertake during his Christmas furlough. This gain in Corps strength has definitely balanced the loss which occurred when the WAAC became the WAC. In fact, Colonel Hobby states that there are now 62,859 WACs, over 40,000 more than the January 1, 1943, count.

About a fifth of the women now serving as WACs are overseas. They are stationed primarily in the European theatre of war—1,789 in North Africa, and 1,143 in England. There are also WACs in New Delhi, India; Cairo, Egypt; and on New Caledonia.

WAC Company Flown

Most WACs in Italy are communications specialists; in England, they are assigned to maintenance and operations for the Eighth Air Force; while WACs in India are serving as clerical workers at the headquarters of the Southeast Asia Command. In all, WACs have taken over 293 different types of Army jobs at more

than 200 posts. So urgent was the need for them in Algiers that an entire company was flown there in Army transports from its Mediterranean point of debarkation.

The current women's Army Corps recruiting campaign has been authorized by the War Department to extend until at least April 12, 1944. Women who enlist during this campaign may select the post of their first assignments and, upon the basis of previous experience, be recommended for a specific type of job.

VD Fight Shows 'Amazing Progress'

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—An amazing record of progress in the Army's fight against venereal disease was revealed at this Army post where a systematic program of education, treatment and control directed by Maj. James M. Flood, venereal disease control officer, has paid big dividends.

As Florida social and medical groups observe Venereal Disease Control and Education Month during January, under proclamation of Gov. Spessard L. Holland, Major Flood revealed that the program has cut the rate of cases among white troops by 50 per cent, and slashed instances of disease among Negro soldiers to one-fifth of the pre-1942 figure.

"The Army is reaching prevention and early treatment of venereal diseases," explained Major Flood. "We are trying to stamp out the contacts and 'camp followers' who spread the diseases among soldiers but if a man does become infected, we urge he report to us for early treatment and cure."

The program which has proved so successful at this post is divided into four sections—education, suppression of prostitution, treatment and contact tracing.

Soldiers are encouraged to report early signs of disease and medical officers hold monthly physical inspections of all enlisted personnel.

A soldier with a venereal disease is questioned to determine the source of infection. Local civilian health authorities are quickly informed and the person responsible is examined by the Public Health clinic, and given treatment.

Through these efforts, the number of venereal disease cases showed a sharp drop, especially when Jacksonville officials put into effect active measures to curb prostitution in July, 1942. Since that time the ratio of infected white troops has never gone above 20 per 1000, with some months showing as low as 6.5 per 1000. The colored rate has shown a drastic decline but still is a difficult problem. From 85 to 300 troops per 1000 per year are infected.

Pigeons Tricked into Faster Flights by Callous Soldiers

SECOND ARMY MANEUVERS, Tenn.—Various tricks are played on Army carrier pigeons by the experts who learned their business in pigeon racing in civilian life, to speed up the rate of return messages.

For instance, if a pigeon is taken off her nest when she can hear scratching which indicates that a squab is about to break through an

egg she will be in a tearing hurry to get back.

To stimulate the prospective arrival of the squab, one of the favored tricks is to remove an egg, blow out the yolk, insert a healthy beetle and tape up the opening. The beetle's efforts to escape and the prospective mother's matronly instincts do the rest.

Another double-cross is practiced on male pigeons. A male known to be "that way" about a hen pigeon is given a good look at another male "making up" to his lady friend, and then taken out to fly for his country. He'll usually come back in a hurry, even if he has to fly 600 miles. He may have to fly through shellfire, or may get back with wounds from his natural enemy the hawk, but he'll get the message through if there is any possibility.

The carrier-pigeon beats poison gas by flying over it. He foils hawks by flying toward them, thus neutralizing the dive-bomber swoop which is the hawk's favorite form of attack.

The pigeons are kept in lofts 35 miles behind the lines, but when they go to the front travel in a four-bird carrier. The case holds message books, pencils, thin paper for map-tracings, food and water and the message capsules.

One capsule, about an inch and a quarter long and a half-inch in diameter, is used for most messages. It is fastened to the bird's leg. The other, four inches long and an inch in diameter, is used for film. Four straps fasten it to pigeon's back, much as an infantryman's field pack is fastened.

Bomber-buying Drive Aims at \$300,000 Quota

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Camp Roberts is preparing to throw another hard punch at Axis powers. A bomber-buying campaign to purchase a Flying Fortress is underway with sales reaching expectations.

Lt. Col. Harry C. Hough, camp War Bond officer, hopes to reach the \$300,000 quota within 60 days.

The current drive is an appeal for purchases in addition to the payroll allotments for bonds which are now in effect for military and civilian personnel. If the current campaign is successful it is believed it will mark the first time that an Army bomber will be named for an Army camp.

He Worked His Way Up!

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—With his recent promotion, Capt. John B. Maloney, maintenance officer in the Armament Section here, has held every enlisted rank and three of the commissioned ranks.



WOUNDED by the burst of a Nazi 88 mm. shell near Caiazzo, Italy, this U. S. Army officer lies on a litter across an improvised rack that has transformed this jeep into temporary ambulance service.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Yank Courage Won Battle of Salerno

WASHINGTON — The courage, daring and initiative displayed by soldiers of the Fifth Army in the landing at Salerno at the outset of the Italian invasion and in the campaign which followed are featured in a report received by the War Department.

The report was made by Col. William R. Blakely, Infantry, of Laurens, N. C., who has just returned to this country after spending six months as a front line observer for the Army Ground Forces in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

Texans Were Coming

Colonel Blakely landed on Salerno Beach with the 36th Division early in the morning of the first day of the invasion, remained ten days with the assault troops and visited other divisions on the Italian front. He recounted how on the evening before the Salerno landing, the ship's radio carried the news that the Italians had surrendered.

"Many of the soldiers were from Texas," he said, "and the gag went around the ship that the 'Italians heard the Texans were coming and folded up.' There was good-natured 'grousing' that the landing would be just another job of 'policing up.' But the officers quickly warned the men that the Germans had not surrendered and they could be expected to put up a bitter fight. And they did."

Heroes All

From personal observation and reports of field commanders, Colonel Blakely brought back stories of the individual heroism of the troops who had once been termed as "soft and decadent" by the Germans. Here are some of these stories:

Lt. Robert Carey, Waterville, Me., soon after reaching the beach, was fired upon by three Germans armed with machine pistols. He returned the fire with his carbine, killing one of the enemy. Then his gun jammed and grasping it as a club, he advanced in the face of their fire. He swung his gun at the second and beat him into submission. But his gun broke in his grasp. With bare hands, he tackled the third man, took away his weapon and made him a prisoner.

Sgt. Manuel Gonzales, of Ft. Davis, Tex., discovered the location of a German 88 in the sand dunes from where it was pouring a murderous fire on the assault boats as they landed. Sergeant Gonzales crawled around the position under machine gun fire that was so close to the ground that it set the pack on his back on fire. Hand grenades were thrown at him, but he escaped unscathed and when he reached a favorable position, pitched several grenades with deadly accuracy at the emplacement, killing the gun crew and blowing up their ammunition.

Kicked Ramp Open

Sgt. Quintin H. Mitchell, of Corbin, Ky., was shot in the chest and shoulder before his assault boat reached the beach. When it did reach shore, the ramp stuck and would not drop. In spite of his wounds, Sergeant Mitchell kicked and pounded at the ramp until it fell. Then he led his section from the boat to the beach, where he received another and mortal wound.

Sgt. Glenn O. Hiller, of Erick, Okla., was wounded on the beach shortly after landing, but continued landing his squad under heavy machine gun and artillery fire for seven hours until his objective had been reached.

Pvt. J. C. Jones, of Sanger, Tex., gathered together about 50 men from various companies which had become disorganized and which were without an officer. He led these men under heavy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire until they reached the point which had been his company's objective. During their advance, several enemy gun positions were attacked and put out of action.

Fighting Cook

Pvt. Burrell B. Roitch, of Copetas Cove, Tex., was a member of the kitchen crew and had been assigned to assist in carrying ammunition. When the enemy counter-attacked, he and five comrades found themselves cut off from their company. He organized the five into a defensive unit on a small knoll and repulsed three rushes by the Germans who were attempting to establish machine gun positions there. During the encounter Private Roitch was in complete command of the situation and gave firing orders and shouted encouragement to his small squad.

Pvt. Clayton P. Tallman, of Johnstown, Pa., was a member of a company which four days after the land-

ing found itself pinned down on Hill 424 by a hostile counterattack. He noticed that the enemy was attempting an envelopment of the company on his left. He immediately jumped up on a rock wall, fired three carefully aimed shots, killing an enemy machine gun crew. A few minutes later he repeated the feat when another crew appeared to take the place of those killed. Alone he protected the left flank of the company until the remainder of the platoon appeared.

Killed in Action

Pfc. Paul C. Gerlich, Chicago, Ill., was on Hill 424 when he saw the enemy setting up a machine gun position in a house about 20 yards in front. In the face of enemy fire and with his own comrades firing all around him, he dashed to the building and threw into it two hand grenades, wiping out the enemy gun crew. He was later reported killed in action.

Sgt. Galther W. Vaughan, of Coleman, Tex., was in command of a squad which was fired on from a group of buildings across from a canal which the men were attempting to cross. He directed his men to fire on the buildings while he advanced towards the enemy position by himself. While working his way forward he surprised three Germans and captured them and their motorcycles. Using hand grenades, Sergeant Vaughan then charged a machine gun emplacement in the face of heavy fire, knocked out the gun and killed the crew.

An unidentified parachute infantryman found himself trapped on a hill with no cover except the body of a fallen comrade. Speaking German, he ordered approaching Nazis to the right or left to where they would come in line with American fire. In this manner he held his ground until relief came. He was individually credited with killing 16 Germans.

Air-Powered Hack Saw Speeds Repair

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS — An air-powered hack saw which has speeded repair of equipment has been rigged up by Sgt. James H. Walton, member of an all-Negro engineer aviation battalion in Great Britain.

Using scrap metal and a discarded automobile fan belt, Sergeant Walton built the saw so that it could be powered by the air-driven drill press. The saw is bolted to the rear work bench of the battalion's mobile machine shop unit. The fan belt is attached to the drill bit and a grooved wheel. The wheel revolves freely, working the saw back and forth.

Commenting on the time-saving qualities of the invention, Sergeant Walton said: "Now I can do two jobs at one time. I can work on the shop lathe while the saw is cutting axes of steel bars for me. What's more, the mechanical saw does more accurate work than can be done by hand."

WACs at Carson Take Issue with News Story

CAMP CARSON, Colo. — The officers of the Camp Carson 7th Service Command non-commissioned officers club take issue with a news story from Mather Field, Calif., stating that a WAC stationed there is the first woman in the history of the Army to belong to a non-com club on an equal basis with men.

T/5 Gertrude Marie Hunt of St. Louis, WAC, at Camp Carson, joined the newly organized service command NCO club on last Nov. 29 as a charter member. There are now four WAC charter members. They are: T/5 Loretta Townsend, Oswego, N. Y.; T/5 Margaret Diem, Clymer, Pa.; Cpl. Elizabeth Kohler, Reading, Pa., and Cpl. Mary-Glenn Hamilton of Indianapolis, Ind.

At present there are seven WAC members of the club and they have the same privileges as the men belonging to the club.

Booklet Will Present Activities of 99th Div.

CAMP MAXEY, Tex. — A new booklet, which will present the training activities of the 99th Division, is in course of preparation and will be issued early in March. Material in the booklet will come largely from the files of The Checkboard, camp paper. The art work is being done by Cpl. Robert S. Robinson, who was a well-known book illustrator in civil life.

Keep Own Record Of Medical Care, Servicemen Told

WASHINGTON — Keep an individual, personal record of all medical attention given you, Representative Sparkman of Alabama advised servicemen this week. You may find this record valuable in validating any claims you may make later for disabilities.

Mr. Sparkman, a member of the House Military Affairs Committee, was service officer for the American Legion for five years after the last war.

Loss of official records caused some World War I vets a great deal of difficulty in proving the legality of their claims, he said.

They could vaguely remember being treated for some ailment somewhere at some time, but were indefinite as to actual dates and places," the Alabamian said.

"Although the military service attempt to keep accurate records of the treatment given, these records sometimes are accidentally destroyed or misplaced. Each individual, to safeguard his own interests, should supplement the official record with a personal notation of his own."



ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF fund will benefit from money raised at the annual West Point Cadet-Annapolis Midshipmen tea dance which was held at the War College. Here Mrs. Lesley J. McNair, wife of General McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, presents a check for more than \$2000 to Col. W. N. Todd, Jr., commanding officer of the Army War College post, who will turn the proceeds over to Army Emergency Relief. Mrs. McNair was chairman of the dance.

New Outfit in Maneuver Army—Fence Repairers

WITH SECOND ARMY ON MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee — There's a new unit with each Second Army division participating in the current winter maneuvers—and it won't be revealing a military secret to disclose it.

The new organization is the Provincial Fence Repair Company, whose duties are just what the name implies.

Until a month or so ago, Middle

Rackets In Transporting Soldiers To Their Camps

WASHINGTON—Wm. N. Tobin, manager for the District of Columbia of the Office of Defense Transportation, said this week that at least 25 Washington taxicab drivers are facing revocation of their certificates for running cabs filled with uniformed men to Quantico, Camp Pickett and Camp Lee, in Virginia.

Tobin said the practice had become a racket among some fly-by-night drivers looking for easy money. The cabmen station themselves at the Union Station and bus terminals, pick up the soldiers and charge them inordinate fares for transport to the camps. "Bootleg" cabs, private cars whose owners are carrying marines and soldiers to the camps without licenses, constitute another racket.

Tobin said the operators of the bootleg cabs would be reported to the OPA, on the charge of illegally using rationed gasoline.

Washington police and military authorities are checking on the operation of cabs in violation of ODT regulations restricting them to 10 miles from their city of origin.

Returned Soldiers Find Shelby Gateway to Home

By John Fay

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Reception Station No. 5 they call this portion of the Camp Shelby Reception Center in official language, but to the soldier who has been months, perhaps years overseas it is the gateway to home, loved ones, and all the things he has been dreaming about in foxholes.

The station is one of 14 in the United States through which officers and enlisted men, rotated from combat areas to assignments in this country through a recently announced War Department policy, are processed before long-looked-forward-to furloughs and finally sent to their new duties.

Gets Back Home

It operates like this, with every step designed to expedite and make easy the man's transition back home:

When the soldier is selected in the combat area for his rotation to the states, he is asked what particular city he wants to visit on his furlough. His answer determines to

which reception station he goes. If he wishes to go to Mississippi or surrounding states—Florida, Alabama, Southern Tennessee, etc.—he comes to No. 5 at Shelby.

Arriving here, he is processed and sent on a 20-day-plus-traveling-time furlough. The processing never takes over 24 hours, for Maj. Mason F. Goodloe, commanding officer of the station, realizes how much "on pins and needles" these returned warriors are to see home again. One officer went through in 15 minutes.

Gets What He Needs

A soldier returning to civilization from the theatre of operations may need a multitude of things. He may have lost clothes or have items of clothing that do not fit or are worn out. He receives what he needs at the reception station.

If he has no dress shoes, he receives a shoe certificate. He may have left for overseas when food rationing was in its infancy; consequently the point system is a mystery to him. He is issued ration points and their use is explained to him.

The returned fighting man may not have been paid quite up to date. If so, he receives partial payment—as much as the station can let him have. In some cases, men short of cash are sent to the Red Cross for loans—either for trainfare home or to live on during their furlough if they have no home.

In short, everything is done to make this homecoming GI's rest period everything he has thought so much about. In addition, in preparation for his return to duty, he is re-interviewed and his Form 20 brought up to date. For instance, he may have been originally classified as a cook, yet in the exigencies of war been driving truck. The specialist number of the truck driver becomes his.

Then he goes on furlough.

Methods of handling Army Air Force men differ somewhat from those used with Ground or Service Force soldiers. The AAF returnee is sent directly from the reception station to one of the redistribution centers (so much in print lately with their fine rest and relaxation facilities for mentally tense airmen) with a 20-day delay enroute as a furlough. The AAF soldier is reclassified and reassigned at the redistribution center.

Ground or Service Force personnel report to the station after their furlough for their new assignments—generally in training new troops, using their battle experience.

He Likes Fried Chicken, So Cultivates the Makings

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—A soldier's appetite for fried chicken (country style) may be the downfall of an old hen and her six offspring, "attached" to the Fifth Army since the brood was activated in Africa.

Pfc. Harry Guy, a Fifth Army medic in Italy, accepted an old hen as a gift from an Arab. A bright idea struck him.

"Last August," he said, "I had an idea. We bought six eggs and placed them in a nest under a trailer. When the old hen spied the nest, she clucked and pranced around it several times, then hopped on."

"We kept her supplied with adequate food during the 21-day sitting period, and as a reward, got six healthy chicks."

The old hen, five pullets, and one rooster are still traveling with Guy's unit, keeping happy and healthy on a diet of GI chow.

"I like pets," Guy says, "but I like fried chicken mighty well."

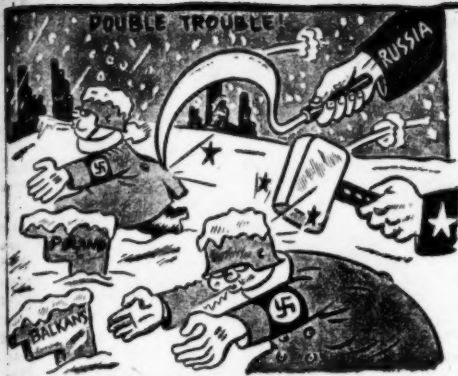
Sergeant Destroys Tank With Hand Grenade

WASHINGTON—A Texas sergeant with the 36th Division in Italy has been cited for heroism by his commanding officer for the destruction, single-handedly, of an attacking German tank, the War Department announced last week.

The sergeant, Y. Gill, found himself in the middle of a tank battle. Bullets, gun flashes, and thunderous reports were coming from all directions. Concealing himself in the underbrush, he waited an opportunity for action.

Suddenly he heard the clanking roll of an approaching German tank. Moving slowly with its turret top open, it suggested to Sergeant Gill a plan of attack. Seizing a hand grenade, he hopped on the side of the tank and threw the grenade through the open turret. After the explosion, the tank spun crazily for a few seconds and then came to a halt.

When Gill peered inside, he found the entire German crew had been killed.



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BERLIN UNDERWENT TWO MORE DEVASTATING AERIAL ATTACKS, MUCH OF THE CITY "THAT COULD NEVER BE BOMBED" WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.



THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 78th CONGRESS, RETURNED TO WASHINGTON TO FACE THE MOMENTOUS PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT THE NATION.



HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE MET TO CONSIDER SOME 23 OTHER BILLS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF LUMP SUMS TO DISCHARGED VETERANS.



SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THEIR GOVERNMENT... BOLIVIA WAS STILL TRYING DESPERATELY TO BECOME RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. ARGENTINA IS THE ONLY GOV'T TO RECOGNIZE HER.



THE PRESIDENT IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ASKED FOR THE TOTAL MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES AND CAPITAL TO GUARANTEE AN EARLIER VICTORY.

Congressmen Told Uniforms Out by FDR

WASHINGTON—The President has ruled that members of Congress can't be both legislators and servicemen at the same time.

The President's ruling, which was made upon the advice of Attorney General Biddle, blighted the hopes of several Congressmen who hoped to divide their time between the Capitol and Army or Navy jobs. Biddle says the Constitution forbids service in Congress and the armed forces at the same time.

Only two Representatives are immediately affected. They are Henry M. Jackson of Washington who is a private in a tank destroyer unit at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Albert Gore of Tennessee, who volunteered recently and was to report to Camp Shelby, Miss., on Jan. 19.

A number of Congressmen have reserve commissions and have gone on tours of duty in the past, a practice which would be forbidden by the Commander-in-Chief's order.

Mr. Roosevelt praised the legislators for desiring to serve their country under arms, but he pointed out that maintaining the democratic processes is also important in war time.

"The election of these Congressmen, after war was declared," he said, "showed that their constituents believed that their service as legislators was their paramount contribution to the war effort."

If Congressmen still wish to serve under arms, they have one alternative: they may resign from Congress.

Mediterranean Command Passes To Gen. Wilson

WASHINGTON—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, former commander-in-chief of allied forces in the Middle East, has assumed his duties as supreme allied commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, the War Department has been informed. General Wilson's tenure in his new command dates from Jan. 8, 1944.

At the same time, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, former commander of American forces in Great Britain, assumed the duties of deputy supreme commander in the Mediterranean, under General Wilson.

Maj. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, until recently chief of staff in the Mediterranean Theater, has been appointed chief of staff to the supreme commander of British and American forces in the United Kingdom, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

General Smith has been succeeded as chief of staff in the Mediterranean by Lt. Gen. James A. H. Gamble, C. B., D. S. O., M. C., former general officer, commander-in-chief, Eastern Command, in the United Kingdom.

WAM Pin Brings Number of Results

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There are plenty of GI's in the womanless areas of an Army post who won't believe that there are ten women to every man in Washington—too many for a soldier, just enough for a sailor, and rations for the Marines.

The girls swear it's so, though. In fact, you can pin them right down on it. When an enterprising jeweler brought out a pin initialed "WAM," it sold right and left. He'd meant it for women who were doing "without a maid" for the duration, but a lot of his customers seemed to be teen-aged Government girls.

"Why, mister," one explained to him, "Don't you know 'WAM' means 'without a man'?"

New Tobacco Package Saves Shipping Space

WASHINGTON—Shipping space equivalent to the full cargo capacity of a Liberty ship will be conserved through development of a new container for shipping tobacco to overseas theaters, the War Department announced this week.

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Rumors Grow Fast As to Movie Star's Personal Family

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Frances Dee, screen star, had her first experience with "latrine rumors" during her recent tour to Army camps and posts.

"It was like this," said Miss Dee. "One of the boys asked me about my two children, Joel and David. I told him I had just the two boys. That afternoon," continued the actress, "I was sitting in the service club with some of the men. I heard one of them lean over and say to his friend in a stage whisper, 'And she has four children, too.' Well, I let that go as a harmless bit of exaggeration."

"But the next day when I was leaving a building, a young corporal rushed up to me and asked for my autograph. I could feel him watching me as I signed my name," Miss Dee said. "When I handed him back his book, he said, 'Miss Dee, I just don't get it! You're too young. You just can't have seven children!'"

"If that's an example of how loose talk travels," smiled Miss Dee, "I guess we'd better read those military security posters again."

Camp Croft Corporal Is Charged As Jap Agent

NEW YORK—Arthur Clifford Read was a corporal in the Army when he was arrested here last week, charged with being an unregistered agent of the Japs. But the FBI says he has been a radio commentator, department store floor-walker, Chinese Army general and formerly a second lieutenant of the Army.

He was on furlough from Camp Croft, S. C., when taken in by federal officials. J. Edgar Hoover asserted that Read admitted getting \$15,000 from Japanese authorities for propaganda work.

It was said that Read began working for the Japs in Shanghai in 1938, giving information on the Chinese Army. Later he returned to the United States, the FBI head said, and lectured in New York and the Middle West as Chinese Gen. Lee Tok Kow, making disparaging remarks about the Chinese.

Flier Now Red Cross Officer

WITH SECOND ARMY MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee—As is befitting a full-fledged Kentucky Colonel, Cyril R. Haas is lending a sympathetic ear to the troubles of his fellow man.

But it wasn't always this way. Mr. Haas was a federal investigator for 17 years, and it was his job to pin the goods on the right people in the wrong at the right time. Now he has done a complete turnabout as a staff member of the Red Cross field office at Maneuver Headquarters.

King George VI Honors 31 U. S. Officers and Soldiers

ALGIERS—Eighteen United States Generals, ten other commissioned officers, one sergeant and two privates have been honored by King George VI with various decorations.

The awards were presented to six of the generals and three of the other officers by Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean theatre, this week.

Plans to Take Care Of Its Disabled Men

DETROIT—General Motors is making careful plans for the rehabilitation of its 82,000 employees who have gone into military service and who may need it following the war.

There are to be no "apple-selling" jobs, but work will be provided in the plant for any who may need help in overcoming handicaps.

H. W. Anderson, Vice President in charge of personnel, said: "To be successful, placement of handicapped veterans must be on a sound basis both from the standpoint of productivity and economic return to the worker. This means, he explained, "fitting the individual to a necessary job that is operating in the plant."

General Motors' plan involves a survey of all jobs in the plant from the standpoint of physical requirements. Any veteran who returns with a physical handicap will be placed in a job he can fill. If training for the new work is needed the plant will see that he gets it. There is to be a coordination of departments—employment, medical, supervision, and training facilities, so the progress of handicapped workers can be helped.

Tank Destroyer Crew Has Busy 25 Minutes

WASHINGTON—The six-man crew of the "Jinx," an American tank destroyer, attacked a fortified German position in Italy last September, and demolished a pillbox, five medium tanks, an armored half-track, an ammunition truck, and a house. In the space of 25 minutes, the War Department has disclosed. Their achievement won for each of them the Silver Star. Not an American was injured.

The action took place when they found a German strong point established where a creek emptied into a river. The whole terrain was within the range of enemy artillery across the river.

The Americans moved out from concealment in trees around the position, and methodically but speedily disposed of the enemy position, including a house where German soldiers had taken refuge.

WACs May Be Used For Work In Europe

LONDON—It was announced by Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, chief of the WACs, that there is a strong probability members of the Women's Corps will go into the European continent after the Allied forces have established their lines there, and that the WACs will have a part in the rehabilitation of the conquered countries.

Here on an inspection trip, Colonel Hobby said that the type of training the WACs are getting makes them valuable for rehabilitation work.

The first WAC battalion that arrived in this theatre last July has now grown to 1170 members, and further large units will come later.

Platoon of 26th Starts Morning Devotion Period

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—In the belief that a keener sense of the power of religion would help in the proper mental attitude of the soldier, the trainees and cademen of the first platoon, Co. D, 26th Battalion, have launched a regular morning devotional period, which comes previous to the beginning of the training schedule.

The idea was first conceived during a bull session of the men of the platoon and was put into effect by Cpl. Harry A. Wilhelm. The devotionals consist of a prayer, followed by a brief Bible discussion. Cpl. Wilhelm conducted the sessions until he was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., when his duties were taken over by Cpl. Delacy E. Wyman.

Laconic Communiques Post Start to Tell Real Story

WASHINGTON—It had been quiet on Bougainville Island that day. The communiques read laconically: "Patrol activity continued all along our front."

Not enough to stir the mildest ripple of excitement thousands of miles away on the American home front. But...

One small patrol of United States troops had been transported up the southwest coast of the island, miles from the American front line. It was assigned to gain information and to put out of commission any Japanese artillery that was found.

The patrol landed and deployed inland. It did find Jap artillery, and disabled it by removing vital parts of mechanism. The men continued their reconnaissance patrol, fell in to an enemy trap. They managed to reform in spite of gunfire from a numerically superior force. But there were two casualties, one critical.

Returning with their two

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Not a Female Yanks Say 'Bouncing Betty' Toughest Foe

WASHINGTON—Bouncing Betty is Public Enemy No. 1 of the American doughboys slowly but steadily battling their way up the Italian Peninsula to Rome, it was reported to the War Department this week.

Bouncing Betty is not a female, but the name which the infantryman—the man who sees most and knows best all the weapons the Germans can throw against him—has given, with grim humor, to the Nazi S-mine.

Explodes in Air

This mine, which the doughboys have elected their toughest foe, is a nasty little contrivance shaped like a good-sized tin can. It is buried just below the surface of the ground and has three small metal prongs above ground. When one of them is touched a small explosive charge is detonated which throws the can about five feet in the air. There the main charge goes off, hurling a multitude of small metal balls in all directions.

Col. William R. Blakely, Inf., who has just returned to this country after serving as an observer for the Army Ground Forces on the Italian front, reports fire from tanks as Public Enemy No. 2 on the infantryman's list. This is because tank guns have a very high velocity and often are fired at ranges of 200 yards or less.

"Anything I can hear, I can dodge," is the boast of the combat soldier, but both the S-mine and point blank fire of tank guns fall into the "can't hear" category.

The S-mine operates somewhat on the same principle as the hand grenade. When first struck there is a sharp pop as the powder train is fired, followed a moment later by the ignition of the booster charge. When a soldier does hear the first pop he can throw himself on the ground and usually escapes the steel hail which follows the main explosion, since it is driven sideways rather than downwards. But the trouble is that the soldier doesn't always hear the first pop.

Saved Comrades

"I heard of a soldier," said Colonel Blakely, "who stepped on a mine of this type. Nearby were his company commander and several

other soldiers. Although he heard the first pop, he made a quick and courageous decision. He deliberately remained standing on the mine. He lost a leg, but he saved the lives of his commander and comrades."

In addition to these comparatively small personnel mines, Colonel Blakely reported, the retreating Germans have left vastly larger mines in the cities and villages which the advancing Army was likely to occupy. Particularly was this true in Naples. Most of the big mines there were cleverly hidden and camouflaged, but in some cases the opposite method was employed in an attempt to catch the Yanks napping.

For example, a large number of parachute infantrymen were using two neighboring buildings in Naples as barracks. When they moved in they noticed a huge pile of explosives between the two buildings. They were still in their original packing cases as though forgotten in the haste of the evacuation.

But the infantrymen knew that things were not always as they seemed on the surface and they investigated. Five boxes were removed from the pile and they were what they were supposed to be. But the sixth box held a detonator which had been set to explode in 21 days to touch off the 3000-pound pile of TNT. And 17 days and nine hours had ticked off on the detonator clock when it was discovered.

Another Method

He revealed that the Germans have another ingenious method for setting off delayed major explosive charges. A group of batteries are connected in a circuit which includes an ammeter. As long as the batteries have power, the circuit that sets off the charge is broken, but when the batteries run down the ammeter needle falls, completing another circuit which sets off the mine.

Colonel Blakely reported that not only do the Germans do a great deal of mining themselves, but they have forced Italian labor to set up a number of minefields. Frequently, the Italians have reported the location of these minefields to the advancing Americans.

WACs Might Gain Members If They Changed Their Hats

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Congresswoman Mary T. Norton of New Jersey recently declared that the reason fewer women are joining the WACs than the other women's services may be the unbecoming hats which top the WAC uniform. And she suggested that it might be possible to find out what the girls themselves think about it.

The Signal Corps Message took up the idea and began a survey on its own. Here are some of the results:

First Sgt. Sylvia Liddick suggested: "It is possible that some service-bound girls head for the WAVES and Marines because of their uniforms. The high crowns of the WAC headpiece is unflattering. Only one type of hair-do can be worn with it. It is becoming to but a small percentage of the girls. However, in my opinion, the rest of the uniform is more military than those of our service sisters."

Another WAC, who refused to identify herself, said: "It's not just the hat. The entire uniform is too masculine. The cap is copied from the old French uniform and the straight lines of the suit are not different from the men's uniform. Even a girl in service wants attractive clothes."

A Marine named Huston said: "I think the Marine uniforms are just ducky. Of course I'm in the service to serve my country but incidentally I like this uniform best."

Pfc. Aphonse Miranada of Co. Y, 803rd, expressed the male opinion. "The overseas hat doesn't look bad,"

he said. "But the dress hat looks like an inverted pot. Couldn't they elaborate on their overseas style for their dress cap?"

Most of the girls were reluctant to admit that clothes could in any way influence their service to their country. A consensus indicates that girls who intend going into the service have no favorite branch and, other things being equal, the type of uniform does help them to make their choice.

Engineers Get Practice Dismantling Bridge

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—An 800-foot steel and wood bridge which spans the Illinois River at the north end of Peoria, Ill., will be dismantled by Engineers under training at this post as a training project.

The bridge will be sold for scrap metal under an arrangement worked out by Peoria city officials, the War Production Board and the Army Engineers.

The bridge, which was built in 1887, was ordered removed by the United States Engineer Division of Waterways because it hampered transportation of barges carrying cargoes vital to the war effort. Several barges have collided with the bridge piling during the past few years.

Dance Band Has Sign Directing GI Moves

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—AAATC Dance Band No. 1 has a new electric sign which will be carried to all the dances they play on the post and at nearby USO clubs. It carries two messages, "Break," meaning a soldier can cut in on a buddy dancing with a gal, and "No Break," meaning he should not cut in.

The sign made its debut at the Country Club USO and was disregarded until the band leader drew attention to it. "Look, fellows," he appealed. "The next Joe that cuts in when that sign says no is going to get himself gigged."

Everybody obeyed the sign—for a little while.



SHOT in the buttocks while digging his foxhole during the early stages of the battle of Butaritari Island, Makin Atoll, Gilbert Islands in the South Pacific, this soldier of the 2nd Battalion, 165th Infantry, 27th Division, is here being placed on a litter.

—Signal Corps Photo.

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—An intensive program to train inexperienced antiaircraft searchlight battalions to cooperate with fighter planes is being initiated this month. Each month one or more battalions will be assigned to the Army Air Forces for combined training in fighter-searchlight procedure. Lt. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, announced this week.

Instruction will be approximately two months in duration and will be conducted at the Army Air Forces Tactical Center, Orlando, Florida. In addition to providing realistic experience to searchlight crews, the new plan will teach Air Force units how best to benefit from friendly searchlights in combined air defense. Antiaircraft battalions that have completed their usual period of approximately four months in training centers will be eligible for this training. Units that have completed their training at Orlando and whose cooperation is no longer required at either the Tactical Center or in the continental limits of the United States, will be returned to control of the Army Ground Forces.

Engineer units at Army Ground Forces installations will be given instruction on the maintenance of tractors by a crew of the Caterpillar Tractor Company which will visit a total of 32 camps. Maintenance men and tractor operators will attend the lectures by the tractor company's crew.

Five officers assigned to Headquarters, AGF, were promoted from the rank of Captain to Major this week. They are Maj. Thomas A. Adams, Jr., Maj. Leonard N. Chitwood, Maj. Harvey A. DeWeerd, Maj. Evard E. Isaac and Maj. Mark A. Rollins.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTIAIRCRAFT COMMAND—Brig. Gen. Rupert E. Starr, special assistant for Antiaircraft to the commanding general, Army Ground Forces, visited Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command last week to confer with Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, commanding general, Antiaircraft Command.

Other recent visitors to Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command to confer with General Green included Brig. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn, commandant of the Antiaircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C.; Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Harriman, commanding general of the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center at Camp Edwards, Mass.; Lt. Col. George L. Dillaway and Capt. Elmer L. Brown, both of the office of The Inspector General, Washington, D. C.; and Maj. K. K. Black, AA Liaison Officer, Headquarters, Signal Corps, Ground Signal Agency, Bradley Beach, N. J.

Capt. Richard E. Cox, who recently was ordered to duty at Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command, has been assigned to the Engineer Section.

CAVALRY SCHOOL—Col. Thomas W. Herren has assumed command of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kans., succeeding Brig. Gen. Rufus S. Ramey, who had been commandant for the past 16 months. General Ramey has gone to an unannounced assignment.

The new commandant, who came to Fort Riley from a mechanized command in the field, is a former Cavalry School staff and faculty member and was cavalry instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., for four years. He was at the Cavalry School in 1927 as a student in the Troop Officers' course.

A native of Alabama, Colonel Herren received the degree of Bachelor

of Arts from the University of Alabama in 1917. He entered the first Officers' Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on August 15, 1917. Assigned to the 78th Field Artillery, he served with that outfit overseas from June, 1919, to July, 1919. He was graduated from the Command General Staff School in 1936.

Col. Samuel P. Walker, who recently returned from duty in an overseas theater, has reported for duty as Assistant Commandant of the Cavalry School. Colonel Walker is a former Cavalry School student, having attended the Troop Officers' Course in 1928 and the Advanced Equitation Course in 1930. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1918.

"The only test of training is whether it is done as it would be under combat conditions," Brig. Gen. Rufus S. Ramey, former commandant of the Cavalry School, declared in a recent speech to officers at the school. "Men must be imbued with the spirit that they must die rather than let down a member of the team. That spirit must be instilled during training. If you can't depend on a man during training, you certainly can't depend on him in combat."

Staff and faculty changes at the Cavalry School include: Lt. Col. Cecil Himes, appointed head of the Department of Communications, re-

placing Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Schlanser, who has left for another station; Lt. Col. Paul L. Jolley, formerly executive officer of the Motors Department, has been made Assistant Executive Officer and Plans Officer; Maj. Leonard J. Mandel, formerly of Headquarters, Seventh Service Command, has been appointed Staff Advocate; Maj. William West III was named head of the Department of Horsemanship; Maj. Albert C. Yeargan was named commanding officer of the Student Officer Detachment; Maj. A. E. McClintock has joined the Cavalry School staff and faculty after a month's course at the Adjutant General's School, Fort Washington, Md.

Forty American Legionnaires, leaders in the Legion's Kansas Department, got back into Army life in a recent weekend visit to the Cavalry School. Arriving on a Friday night, the veterans of World War I drew field clothing, including steel helmets, and were assigned to quarters in barracks after eating in the mess hall and being assigned to squads. The next morning they stood reveille at 6:45, getting an early start on an inspection tour of the Cavalry School and a look at the latest training methods in mechanized and horse reconnaissance. In the afternoon, they watched a three-hour Artillery demonstration put on by Cavalry School units. The visitors held their State executive committee meeting at Fort Riley before leaving on Sunday morning.

Wind Tunnel Permits Study Of Bullets as If in Flight

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—An instrument which is aimed to give new information on the effect of air on the flight of projectiles is being provided in supersonic wind tunnels here.

Heretofore the design of projectile has been largely based on the results of actual firing on the range. The wind tunnel will help to de-

termine the laws which govern the flight of projectiles moving at velocities greater than the speed of sound (763 miles per hour at sea level and 70 degrees Fahrenheit).

The first supersonic wind tunnel in this country is now being built as an addition to the Ballistic Research Laboratory here. In this air will be circulated in tunnels at high pressures and released through nozzles to stream over the projectiles being tested.

The supports on which the projectiles are mounted will be on a balance system, built to measure and record any forces that are imposed on it. As the air flows past at high velocity it exerts a high pressure over the projectile's surface and the reaction transmitted by the support is measured and recorded by the balance system. From the data resulting it will be possible to design projectiles with minimum resistance which should have greater velocity.

The compressors which furnish the various volumes and pressures needed for circulating air in the different tests can be connected so that they will operate in series, in parallel, or in a combination of circuits to produce a wide range of pressures and volumes.

Pleasant Hour for Soldiers

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—For music lovers at Camp Butner, Pvt. Frederick C. Johnson, of the 38th Replacement Depot, and Mrs. Mary Belle Brown, junior hostess of the post's service club No. 1, are sponsoring a classical music hour, from 8 to 9 on Thursday evenings. The club's collection of recordings will be used, and the event will take place in the music room. All military personnel are invited to attend.

A Touch Too Much

WITH SECOND ARMY ON MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee—After a 10 days' dose of continuous rain and mud, the men of one headquarters company settled down, after a day's battle with both opposing forces and the elements, to see pictures presented by a mobile field unit of the USO.

The picture tossed on the screen was "Stormy Weather." It was also discovered that the name of the projectionist was Waterman.

The men aver that other soldiers on desert maneuvers are probably seeing "Sahara."

Column of Poets

No Letter Today

They line up inside, with their hearts open wide,
And the Day Room resounds with their hopes;
Very soon, you can hear every "Darling" and "Dear"
Breaking out of those sealed envelopes.
Yet, there's always one chap, and sometimes, lots more,
Who'll come empty-handed away from that door.

They're tough and they're mad and the jungle is bad,
And they're grim . . . and they're grimy . . . alert;
But they soften up fast on a mail call repeat
Which has "XXX's" and "Love" for dessert.
But there's always someone who gets no mail that day—
With a shake of his heart, he will just walk away.

They train here and there, they prepare everywhere
For the day they'll brush up with the foe;
And all that they ask is "Please lighten the task—
It's such a small order, you know."

And each doughboy who wars on far distant shores
Thinks also in terms such as these:
In the foxhole or plane, in the jungle terrain,
Or the dangerous, high-riding seas.

So, folks, when you say that "Tomorrow's OK"
There is someone who knows it is not;
Just remember the boy who gets darn little joy—
He may be the one you forgot!

Pvt. Jay Russell
Fort Custer, Mich.

Snow

Snow, snow falling to the ground
Light, soft, white without a sound
Covering weird, dark, grim, trees
Naked, cold without their leaves.

Making the land white and clean,
Leaves behind a mystic scene
Etched in outlines bright and clear,
Free of leaves of yesteryear.

Pvt. Floyd C. Briell
In Sourdough Sentinel

The Husband Shortage

Oh, Colliers writes of a terrible plight,
My lady will soon be alone;
For statistics say there is coming a day
When she can't have a man of her own.

On a soft warm night by pale moon light,
When romance is in the air,
My lady sighs and, languishing, dies;
There's no one to come to her there.

Oh, sad is the story when womanly glory
Finds no man to call her to him;
For much is her sorrow, in some near tomorrow,
My lady is out on a limb.

So, alas, for many a luckless lass
Who sits alone on the shelf;
But send me home from this damn alldrome
And I'll fix it—all by myself.

Capt. Scott Sterling, Jr.
"CBI Roundup"

Destiny Unknown

From the fiery heights of Heaven,
To the floating clouds o'erhead,
Rise the elements of danger
That in a man are bred.

He steps uncertain toward a goal,
He falters on the brim,
Something forceful pushing onward
The truth awaiting him.

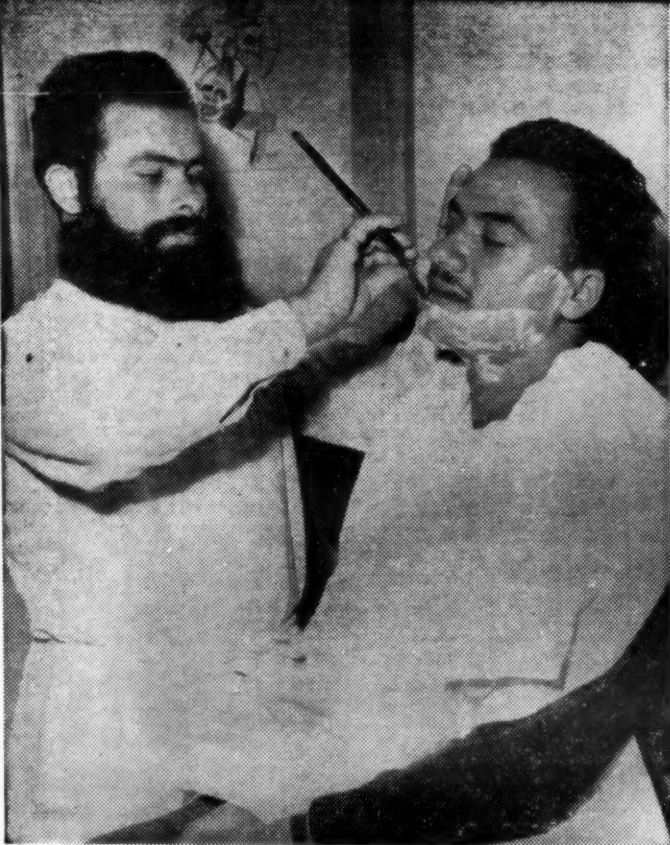
Arising from the pitfall
In the hour of destiny
It grips him in a powerful grasp
And unnerves his memory.

Life itself is just a shade
Of the great, wide unknown,
The unheeding urge of destiny
That in the man has grown.

He stops; He feels the power,
Courage comes anew.
He fights his way against the horde
Unconsciously he breaks right through.

He's won, he's fought the foe
His memory he has slain
And springing forth, the new found life

That in him long had lain.
Pvt. Orville Scott
Co. B, 39th Signal Cons. Bn.
Camp Swift, Tex.



THE ITALIAN PRISONER of war camp at Weingarten, Mo., houses a variety of talent, one of the group being a barber who obviously does not practice upon himself what he practices upon others. Behind him on the wall is a cartoon of Figaro, the Barber of Sevilleo.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Army Gives Some of Credit For Success to Fork Lift

WASHINGTON—Freighters at Allied overseas ports are unloaded in record time by a muscular little vehicle that moves mountains of supplies, the War Department announced this week.

Unglamorously called the fork lift truck, this weapon of war seldom sees battle, yet is given credit for much of the success of the North African invasion.

As a factor in military operations, fork lift trucks were unknown until the outbreak of the war. Today the Quartermaster Corps is supplying them by tens of thousands to all branches of the Army. Before Pearl Harbor, one large firm which handled

the bulk of the nation's business in this kind of equipment was turning out only 50 units a month. Today this same concern is manufacturing about 2,300 units monthly. That is only a small part of the national output, the War Department said, declaring that all problems of plant conversion, standardization, material shortages and priorities have been overcome.

The fork lift truck is a small, self-propelled vehicle with little more to it than a motor, a seat for the operator, a heavy counterweight at the rear and a steel-pronged fork at the front. The truck is driven to materials stacked on pallets; the fork is lowered to floor level; the load is lifted and swiftly carried to wherever it is to be stored. There, it either can be lowered to the floor or raised by an ingenious escalator device to a height of 20 feet or more for placement on top of stacks. A fork lift truck driven by one man can outwork a battalion of husky men.

Originally designed to operate in depots and warehouses, the truck now is used to load and unload ships here and abroad, to load bombs on planes, and to unload freighters speedily at invasion harbors. Fast unloading during an invasion operation saves lives by greatly lessening the period of exposure to air attack. In this and in other combat operations, the labor-saving advantages release large numbers of men for actual fighting.

The Army Air Forces reports the increasing importance of the truck as a time-saving device. For example, when a plane is sent to a base repair shop for a new engine, a new wing, and a new tail assembly, the engine alone is tremendously heavy and can be moved only by mechanical means. A fork lift truck operated by one driver can handle the job in a matter of minutes, where previously dozens of men required hours to do the job with block-and-tackle equipment. As a result, idle hours spent by fighting planes in repair shops are reduced, more effective air attacks can be planned, and lost plane hours can be converted into flying time over enemy targets.

Willie Shines GI Shoes Puts His Pay In a Bond

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Three months ago a 12-year shoe-shine boy began making daily trips from Carrabelle to the camp to shine GI shoes.

For a while his returns went just for spending money. Then one day he heard some of his patrons talking of war bonds, and how both soldiers and civilians here were supporting the bond effort.

The other day he walked into the post theatre and presented his total earnings for some time to Cpl. Jack Silver, a customer friend. "For bonds," he said.

The rest of the \$18.75 was made up by some of Willie's friends and he became the proud owner of his first bond.

Nazi Wreckage Greater As Campaign Intensifies

WASHINGTON—The War Department is advised by Allied Force Headquarters in Italy that wreckage left in the wake of the retreating Nazis has become greater and more scientifically destructive in character in direct relation to the growing intensity of the campaign.

Blasting Bridge Spans

The Germans are blasting every span of every bridge, uprooting every railway line and blocking every road northward to Rome and the Brenner Pass. By cratering and by bringing down buildings and trees, they are obstructing every defile. Docks, power plants and transformer stations, aqueducts and pumping stations are being demolished. Everything that might conceivably interfere with Allied progress up the Italian "boot" is being done.

In one instance, German demolition crews, working within 16 miles of the front line, wrecked six railways at 51 points.

Rip Up Railways

One evidence of the thoroughness of the German campaign of destruction fell into Allied hands at Termoli, where elements of the Eighth Army captured a gigantic steel claw mounted on a four-wheeled carriage. Attached to the rear of an enemy train, it was used to uproot rail ties immediately behind as it fled northward.

Overcoming such obstacles as these is the everyday job of the sappers of the Fifth and Eighth Armies. They have rebuilt more than 200 bridges of major importance since the Italian invasion began.

Next to the infantrymen, the report to the War Department noted, American and British engineers operating in Italy have one of the toughest jobs ever placed before men of any army. Since the initial landings of September 9 they have been working day and night, often under fire. Engineer shore regiments have kept material and troops coming over the bombed and strafed Salerno Gulf beaches. And, with bombs falling round them and machine gun and hostile aircraft sweeping their positions, the Engineers scraped out fighter airfields within 36 hours of the landings of the first troops in Italy.

Restore Water Supply

One of the assignments handed the engineers was restoration of the

Apulian Aqueduct, vast water supply system for southern Italy.

British paratroopers destroyed one span of the aqueduct near Rionero, in south central Italy, in February, 1941. Records of the aqueduct corporation disclose the water system was out of operation six and one-half days as a result of that operation. When Allied forces arrived at the same point in their northward drive, they discovered that the retreating Nazis had blown up the same conduit originally destroyed by the British.

Hershey Would Keep Servicemen Until Jobs Sure

WASHINGTON—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, this week advocated that men be kept in the armed forces after the war until jobs are assured them.

In an address read to the National Conference on Social Security, Hershey said, "in demobilization it will not be wisdom to send home thousands to areas in which there is employment for hundreds."

"The Army and Navy set up their training objectives on the basis of the numbers needed for particular jobs," he said, "and just as it was necessary for them to know the numbers of radio operators, motor mechanics, machine gunners, or artillerymen, so must we know in the post-war United States our occupational needs in equal, accurate estimates."

The selective service director proposed that the returning fighting men be released as near to their homes as possible, so as not to crowd industrial areas.

WAC Meets Hubbie In North Africa

WASHINGTON—When Captain Campbell and Private Campbell met in a North African city just before Christmas—they celebrated their wedding anniversary.

The War Department learned this week that Capt. Matthew M. Campbell, Air Corps, on Dec. 23, was assigned to a special mission near the post where WAC Pvt. Aime Dring Campbell, his wife, serves as a military interpreter. It was two days before their 12th wedding anniversary.

Advised by telephone of his arrival, Private Campbell requested and was granted a three-day furlough by her company commander.

Captain Campbell, who has been overseas 15 months, is stationed in Italy. His wife joined the WAC six months ago in the hope she would be assigned to the same overseas station as her husband. Yet, when they met, she was the "happiest and most surprised woman in the whole world," she admitted.

20th Armored to Back Bonds

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—All-out support of the \$14,000,000,000 Fourth War Loan drive will be made by the 20th Armored Division, beginning January 18, not only in the division, but with displays of Armored Equipment and entertainment in nearby cities and towns. Brig. Gen. Roderick R. Allen announced recently.

'Jap Is Afraid of Us,' Say Observers from New Georgia

WASHINGTON — The morale of Japanese troops who opposed the Americans in the New Georgia campaign in the South Pacific was high, as "indicated by their willingness to fight to the end," Army observers have reported to the War Department.

"However, it was noted," the report continues, "that there were fewer cases of self-destruction in preference to capture than in other operations. A few such cases were reported, but the suicide was usually by an officer. Enlisted personnel indicated a willingness to be captured when the circumstances were right. Japanese who had been wounded and who had become separated from their units accepted capture freely, and even sought to be taken prisoner in a few cases, taking no steps to end their own lives."

The observers also found that "the Jap is tricky but not as tricky as many have been led to believe. He's not nearly as ingenious as the average American, and the truth of the matter is, he's afraid of us, our artillery, and our sea and air power."

Camouflagers Extraordinary
The Japanese are past masters at

camouflage and concealment and the observers report that "the Japanese skill at concealment of installations using natural camouflage was extraordinary. Many times leading elements passed by enemy positions without noticing them. Enemy trails were difficult to detect and follow. The individual soldier was rarely seen while his defenses were intact. However, ones disorganized, he apparently became confused and disclosed his position carelessly."

Enemy troops were found to have been well trained although it was noted their "marksmanship was poor in the use of infantry and artillery weapons." Their discipline was classed as "superior" and "control was good considering our continuous harassment of the enemy communications."

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SPORTS CHAT

FORT STEVENS, Ore.—The Fort Stevens cage team was given a high rating for the week ending Jan. 7, 1944, by the Dick Dunkle forecast. The five placed 13th on the list of far west teams. Winner of eight games against one loss the Stevens quintet follows Oregon State, Oregon and Washington State on the rating sheet.

BAINBRIDGE FIELD, Ga.—A record throng of Bainbridge EM and Military Maids officially opened the new skating rink at the basic pilot school. Skating exhibitions featured the evening's entertainment.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Dream team of cage stars at this field could very well consist of S/Sgt. Connie O. Owens, Southwestern State Teachers College of Oklahoma, Pvt. Jack J. Biery, Penn State College, Pfc. Ben Pagliaroli, Providence College, Rhode Island, Pvt. Ralph H. Miller, Kansas U., and Sgt. James E. Burden, Western Kentucky State Teachers College.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The boxing fans missed the lusty voice of Sid "The Kid" Rothbird, fight announcer, but the mitt slingers made up for his absence by staging a highly appreciated brawl.

LAKELAND FIELD, Fla.—Transferred onto the field in command of a heavy bombardment outfit was Lt. Col. Frank Kurtz, three-time member of the American Olympic swimming team, holder of the world's junior landplane speed record in 1930 and best seller narrator.

FT. WARREN, Wyo.—With only one practice session in a week the Ft. Warren Broncos still had enough stuff to topple Colorado teams in a two-game series.

LINCOLN FIELD, Nebr.—A member of the U. S. Olympic team in 1932 and 1936, Pvt. John W. Brooks, Chicago, is taking basic training here. Private Brooks won over 250 medals and trophies for his broad-jumping achievements.

BAER FIELD, Ind.—Pfc. Eugene Mickens, Jersey City Golden Glover and winner of 55 out of 59 fights, has fought Lefty Nicholson, Buddy Lewis and Buddy Paul since being transferred here.

FORT BENNING, Ga.—250,000 officers and EM at Fort Benning attended free outdoor and indoor stage attractions during the past year and during December 33,650 attended athletic events or took part in them on the reservation.

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—Max Krauser, former European heavyweight grunt and groan champion, has commenced basic infantry training. Since coming to the U. S. Krauser has had 500 bouts with Strangler Lewis and the four Duseks among his victims.

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—Although they're twins, the Arnold brothers will not meet in the Victory Gloves Boxing tournament. Melvin tips the beam at 147 pounds while Marvin is a lightweight, packing 135 pounds.

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—Two such extreme sports endeavors as pro baseball and figure ice skating marked the civilian career of Pvt. Charles Parker. In the winter he toured with Sonja Heinle's shows and in the summer hit around .300 in Class C baseball.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kans.—After ten weeks of bowling A-1 and Information Office are tied with 18 wins and 12 losses. Statistical office is crowding the leaders with a 17 and 13 record.

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La.—With six teams already in line for the second half of the Camp Livingston pennant chase plans are being made to expand the league to ten teams.

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Pvt. N. Cohen is looking for competition. He has won every ping-pong tournament he has entered in the neighborhood.



CPL. GLENN DOBBS, All-American football pitching ace, and friends accept the Cotton Bowl trophy won by the Randolph Field Ramblers in the New Year's Day 7-7 tie game with the Texas Longhorns. From left to right the friends are Lt. George A. Walker, PE director; Lt. Frank Titico, coach; Col. Walter C. White, CO; Maj. Raymond Morse, end and coach; Maj. T. O. Graham, special services.

Sports Face Show-Down If Service Law Passes

Armed Forces Have Already Changed Sports Complexion

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt's recommendation for a national service law may force a show-down on whether sports is essential to the war effort—a verdict long sought in the sports world and in Congress.

A service law would mean that athletes, as well as all able-bodied persons, would be liable to specific war-effort assignments in war-production plants. This brings up the question of whether a ball player, say baseball, is essential to the war-effort for the sake of civilian morale.

Representative Weiss says it goes further than civilian morale—that soldiers and sailors want to know how the Yanks and Bums are doing. There are many people who agree with Weiss and servicemen returning from battlefields and war prisons often fire away with sports questions the moment they meet a person from the states.

McNutt Hasn't Said

Thus far Paul McNutt, War Manpower Commissioner, hasn't said whether sports are essential or not. No attempt has ever been made to defer athletes from the draft.

The armed forces have already made some startling changes in the sports world. Many of the more colorful, popular and top figures are totin' rifles or continuing to compete in khaki, green or blue uniforms.

The major league All-Star nine, announced by Sporting News, bears out this fact with nine newcomers on the roster. The men chosen are good ball players but when compared with the stars now in the Army they would rate but hurried notice.

The team selected is as follows: Dick Wakefield, Detroit Tigers, left field. Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals, center field. Bill Nicholson, Chicago Cubs, right field. Rudy York, Detroit Tigers, first base.

Billy Herman, Brooklyn Dodgers, second base. Luke Appling, Chicago White Sox, shortstop. Bill Johnson, New York Yankees, third base.

Walker Cooper, St. Louis Cardinals, catcher. Spud Chandler, New York Yankees, Morton Cooper, St. Louis Cardinals, and Truett Sewell, Pittsburgh Pirates, pitchers.

Won't Be Around

Even this team won't be around next season as some of the men are now serial numbers and others are being reclassified. At the rate ball players are entering the Army class D ball will be played this summer in big league parks.

College basketball is getting a big play in Madison Square Garden this winter. Although only college teams have performed before record-breaking crowds the promoters will be missing a bet if they don't bring in a few service teams before the season is over.

A Camp Grant-Sampson Naval, Camp Livingston-Camp Ellis double-header would give all the thrills the Madison Square crowd could ever demand. Just name a field, camp or fort and there is probably a ball

club which could meet and beat the best in college suits.

Just a sprinkling of the old-time big-shot golfers were around when the shooting began for the Los Angeles Open \$12,500 pot of gold. Jug McSpaden turned on the heat in the last round to shoot a blistering 66 for the \$4375 first money.

Johnny Bulla was second with Leonard Dodson, Craig Wood and the pre-tourney favorite, Byron Nelson, tied for third.

The lads, who believe two will get you ten on a pony's nose, are thinking about Man o' War and Whirlaway following the brilliant showing of Gramps Image and Whirllette at Hialeah.

Image of Man o' War

The two three-year-olds are relatives of the famous horses and won races recently in a style which brought forth the comparison. Gramps Image not only looks like but runs like his grandpa, Man o' War.

Ted Atkinson, a jockey who takes as many mounts as he can get—and wins with them, is making some of the more famous riders look at their hole-cards as he continues to boot winners home. Atkinson started riding brilliantly at New York tracks and is continuing with a two-a-day average in Florida.

Fast-talking Chick Wergeles had to go into his best song-and-dance before the New York Boxing Commission would forgive him for the unkind remarks he made about the referee in the recent Lulu Costantino-Beau Jack fight. Wergeles didn't like the eight rounds Referee Joseph gave the Lulu although Jack got the nod.

Joe Zella Makes Developing Champs A Regular Habit

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—As a civilian he managed some of the best fighters in the world. Today as a soldier he develops champions to fight for Uncle Sam.

T/5 Joe Zella, Stewart boxing impresario, is about to celebrate his 11th year as a manager of fighters, many of whom were world champions in their fields. The Army, it seems, has always played an important part in Joe's plans.

There was the time when he first started managing fighters back in 1932. He picked a promising young heavyweight, KO Paul Jancik, and guided him through 19 straight winning fights. Jancik won 16 of these by KOs before deciding to join the Army.

In 1940 he was managing an up-and-coming light heavyweight by the name of Gus Lesnevich. By February, 1941, his fighter was tagged as the "Russian Lion" by sports writers throughout the country, who were predicting that Vella's boy would be a champion.

Gus Lesnevich became the light heavyweight champion of the world in July of that year, but Joe wasn't there the night he won the title. He was training and instructing GIs in the Army. Joe was inducted in April, 1941.

Even Veteran Stars Can't Agree on Baseball's Future

DANIEL FIELD, Ga.—The odds against getting four former major league baseball players, now in the armed forces, together for a "hot stove league" session would be mighty long in anybody's winter

book but that's just what happened the other day at Daniel Field, in Augusta, Ga.

Benning Tigers Wallop Tornadoes, 77-0, To Win Colored Crown

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Fort Benning's Reception Center Tigers overwhelmed the Camp Forrest, Tenn., Tornadoes, 77-0, in the Victory Bowl game here New Year's Day to lay claim to the colored championship of Southeastern football.

In the first post-season football game between two all-service teams, the Benning aggregation had little difficulty extending its winning streak to eight games. The Tigers scored almost at will through the line and by aerial route.

Macon Williams, former gridiron star for Florida A & M, starred in the game, which was played in Columbus' Memorial Stadium. Fullback Fuquay, former Wilberforce star, was the only visitor able to gain through the Reception Center's stellar line.

The Victory Bowl was sponsored by the USO Colored Army-Navy YMCA with proceeds to be used to help finance a troops-in-transit lounge for Negro soldiers in Columbus.

'Mustering-Out' Pay

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to married servicemen plus all educational expenses in established colleges and universities up to four years.

6. "Adequate provision" by the Veterans Bureau for the physical welfare and financial aid of all wounded, diseased or otherwise handicapped veterans before discharge from service.

Chairman Rankin of the House Veterans Legislation Committee, who introduced a bill including the Legion's program declared that its first objective "is to remedy chaotic conditions of bureaucratic red tape under which divided authority and responsibility have victimized thousands of already discharged veterans of this war." It is the "minimum of the just dues owed to the men and women of the armed forces for their service in the preservation of the Nation in World War II," said Rankin.

The bill would integrate the employment division of Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission's employment service under one official roof with all other Federal veterans rehabilitation functions in the Veterans Administration.

Currently the work of the Veterans Administration is confined to paying pensions, hospitalizing veterans and giving vocational training in disability cases.

One of the reasons for the need of mustering out pay is that disabled veterans are experiencing delays of several months before they are able to have their cases adjudicated and they receive their first compensation checks. Representative Sasser this week proposed a solution to this problem. He introduced a bill (H.R. 3922) which would permit payment of emergency compensation for four months, if an Army medical officer attests that the veteran is eligible for it.

Talk turned to such things as whether the big leagues will play ball in '44, and they weren't completely agreed on that currently hot topic in sporting circles.

"I think they'll have a tough time this year, because the draft is taking fathers," drawled Whitehead, "but they'll carry on as long as they can put nine men on the field."

Whitehead felt that if the war went on for a couple of years more, he wouldn't have much chance of playing again. However, he'd like to coach.

Pvt. Alfred L. Dean doesn't agree that baseball will find the going tough this year.

"I'm sure that baseball will survive in 1944," he put in. "Last year was the big test, and if they could manage to hold enough personnel, travel and get hotel accommodations, they will this year."

Marvin E. (Pete) Center, Dean's former teammate, holds that baseball will get by with young kids, 4-F's and old timers.

The big Hazel Green, Ky., player also thought that he'd be back in there after the war.

"I've got a rubber arm," he said, "and it should still be good."

"Say, they'll be playing ball as long as they have the go ahead signal from the White House," Lieutenant Lyons stated. "After all, theatres and other amusements can't take care of all that trade."

So if you've been wondering whether you'll hear the cry of "batter up" come spring, there are the opinions of four well-informed ex-major leaguers. As for them, any baseball they play will be on Army diamonds for the pleasure of military personnel.

'Squirt'

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due to high speed of craft;

Ideal for observation as no known plane can keep up with it;

Opens the field of high altitude flying as heavy air is not needed for a prop bite.

Expense of Operation

The only serious objection to the new engines is the expense of operation. It uses kerosene, and on this humble fuel it travels at enormous speed at highest altitudes.

Hot on the heel of this startling disclosure the War Department announced that another new plane, the P-61 Black Widow, is in production.

The new fighter is heavily armored and equipped with the latest devices for destroying enemy bombers.

Powered with two Pratt and Whitney engines, it has "a fairly long range, and effective speed and climb characteristics."

"The Black Widow," the Army said, "is the outgrowth of intensive research and development on the part of technicians of the AAF and Northrop Aircraft, Inc., directed toward production of a powerful and effective aerial night combat weapon, equipped with the latest devices."



RESOLVED to quit the game which made him famous, Pvt. Luke Applin, AL batting champ, couldn't resist the opportunity to show Pfc. Ted Bosicki, ex-Syracuse player, how to swing his favorite, and most deadly weapon, at Camp Lee, Va., where Luke is a rookie.

Army Quiz

(The questions are based on statements and information in the report of Gen. H. H. Arnold to the Secretary of War, which was published in Army Times January 8. While the answers are given in Column 5, further information regarding them can be obtained in the report.)

1. Up to the close of the Sicilian campaign, in September, 1942, more than 25,000 men, who were ill or had been wounded, have been transported in the present war by the Air Force. How many of these died?

- A. 3,113?
B. 947?
C. 1?

2. After experimenting with various types of landing mats, Allied forces now preferably use a type developed in America. It is—

- A. Wire-netting?
B. Pierced steel plank?
C. Magnesium or aluminum?

3. Offense is the essence of air power. True? False?

4. The airdromes which spearheaded and covered the American troops' advance in New Guinea were achieved by—

- A. Capturing existing Japanese installations?
B. Cutting them out of the heart of the jungle?
C. Using the beaches of the islands?

5. How many American-built planes were exported to our Allies under lend-lease or direct purchase up to Oct. 1, 1943?

- A. 7,642?
B. 13,000?
C. 26,900?

6. In September, 1939, when the war began, 117 planes were produced in America for the Air Forces. How many were turned out in September, 1943?

- A. 5,440?
B. 6,351?
C. 7,598?

7. The expansion of the Army Air Forces necessitated a corresponding increase in the personnel of the Air Forces' Weather Service. This has been increased 6,000 per cent. True? False?

8. The general pattern of German reaction to Eighth Air Force operations from Britain, General Arnold says, shows a specially significant trend. Would this be—

- A. Confidence in their ability to outmaneuver American pilots?
B. General unwillingness of fighter forces to join combat with invading aircraft other than heavy fighter formations?
C. To turn to the use of rocket planes?

9. General Kenney's surprise and shock tactics, in the South Pacific, says General Arnold, "have shaken the Japs out of their groove." When their routine is disrupted, the Japs are—

- A. Specially wary and dangerous?
B. Inclined to be foolhardy?
C. Baffled?

10. The Italians, oddly enough, General Arnold says, "taught us a fine lesson in Africa, as far back as 1940." Would this be—

- A. In wasting their air power in "penny packets" to protect their own sectors or to help advance small detachments?
B. In attacking in concentrated mass?
C. In using scattered individual planes for attack?

(See "Quiz Answers," Column 5)

System Seems to Work For These FA Rookies But Isn't Recommended

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Plane recognition made easy is demonstrated by two Roberts Field Artillery rookies, but their instructor doesn't advise anybody else to follow their methods.

The instructor, Pvt. Arthur Owens, started out by displaying a B-25 chart. Trainee Nathan Notkin decided it was a Flying Fort. That was wrong, of course, but the trainee was positive anyway that it was a bomber. So Pvt. Owens asked him how he identified the bomber.

"Well," said the trainee, "it has a purple background on the chart."

The instructor was reduced to biting his nails even farther when he flashed a chart with a picture of a P-40. A rookie came up with the right answer, but when he was asked for method of identification, he answered: "It's on the third page."

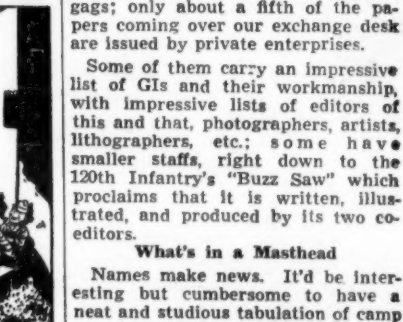
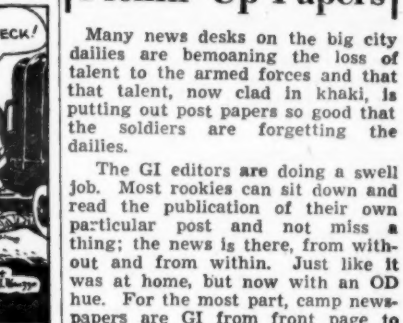
'Shoot-Em-Down' Reduced

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—As a conservation move, The Shoot 'Em Down, official camp paper here, this week reduced its size from 16 to eight pages. The staff says it believes with careful condensation and elimination of unnecessary material it can compress virtually as much local and national news into the smaller paper. Sgt. Howard Bell, former Milwaukee newspaperman, is editor.

Private Van Dorn



Randy Allen



Hitler Youth Changes Views

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers—Something of the situation among Hitler youth may be reflected by a diary released this week, belonging to a former storm troop leader in the Hitler youth movement captured in Italy, which showed that the young Nazi had had a complete change of heart after less than a year of fighting.

Extracts included these items: Jan. 15, 1943—"What excitement. My first day as a real soldier." Jan. 3, 1942—"Fitted out in uniform. I look fine, if a little odd." In September the former enthusiastic Nazi came to Italy, and in November the tone of the diary began to change materially. There were frequent references to the number of German casualties and to the weight of "Tommy's artillery fire."

In December: "I wish I was an Englishman. All this retreating does not agree with me."

On December 22, the day before his capture: "Yesterday night, during retreat, I broke finally and irrevocably with my old life. Gone are all the old values, all that was precious to me. In my soul only one thing remains, hatred for the bestiality of the German army. For at last one is human."

"What have we to fight for? Everyone cursed the Nazi government but few have the courage to run against it. Why? Because brutality and the power of oppression are still strong. If only the opportunity offered, I would help strengthen the thousands who long for the day of the final collapse..." "If I ever survive to leave the front alive at least I shall have seen through the tawdry facade of Nazi politics, I shall know the points at which the Nazi are weakest... Why was I born a German? I feel myself always a slave."

Said the 'I Do'

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Chaplain Leonard C. Waggoner had pronounced so many people man and wife that he wanted to find out for himself what it felt like. At any rate, he and his bride, the former Elizabeth Mabe of Chandler, Arizona, recently faced the altar in the Artillery chapel here while another chaplain, Willie H. Kinzey, Jr., extracted their promises to "love, honor, and obey."

A WELL-INTEGRATED weather service now supports American Air Force operations all over the world.

Blushing Bride

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif. — If Miss Bernice Sweet wasn't a blushing bride it didn't take long for Chap. Frank R. Edwards, 51st Field Artillery Training Battalion, to make her one. For when the Minnesota bride of S/Sgt. Marvin J. Ewe of the same battalion walked to the altar to enter into holy matrimony, the chaplain exclaimed:

"Young lady, I can't marry you to the sergeant. You're already married."

The bride-to-be blushed. Her fiancé flushed. Then the girl realized that her twin sister, who recently was married at Camp Roberts, was the one the chaplain had seen.

The Mess Line

Drunk (to smartly uniformed bystander) "Shay, call me a cab, Willaya?"

Bystander: "My good man, I'm a naval officer, not a doorman."

Drunk: "Awright, awright, then call me a boat. I gotta get home."

"I don't need none," shouted the lady of the house before the agent had opened his mouth. "How do you know?" he replied. "I might be selling grammars."

A gold-digger is a girl who loves to get nice things.

Dad (to son home on furlough): "What's the principal thing you've learned in the Army, son?"

Bill: "Always to say, 'Yes, Sir' and 'No, Sir'."

Dad: "You did?"

Bill: "Yeah."

There are two kinds of women—those who can get any fellow they like and those who like any fellow they can get.

First Cow: "What do you think of the new farmhand?"

Second Cow: "I think he's an awful jerk."

A street cleaner knows enough not to put the cart before the horse.

Soldier: "Your dog likes to watch you cut hair, doesn't he?"

GI Barber: "It ain't that. Sometimes I snip off a piece of ear."

Of all the sad surprises, There's nothing to compare With treading in the darkness On a step that isn't there.

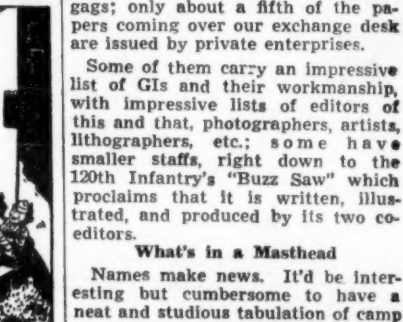
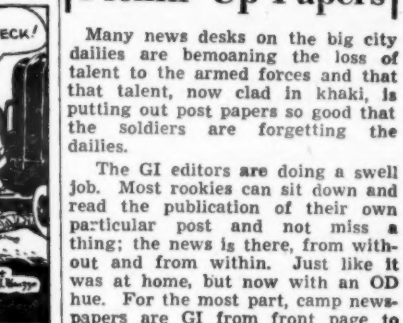
One Soldier: "How come you and Margy sat out the last dance at the Field House last night, chum?"

Other Soldier: "Oh, petty reasons."

Robbie, 99th Infantry Division, Camp Maxey, Tex.



Sgt. A. J. Abruzzo, Ft. Knox, Ky.



Pickin' Up Papers

Many news desks on the big city dailies are bemoaning the loss of talent to the armed forces and that that talent, now clad in khaki, is putting out post papers so good that the soldiers are forgetting the dailies.

The GI editors are doing a swell job. Most rookies can sit down and read the publication of their own particular post and not miss a thing; the news is there, from without and from within. Just like it was at home, but now with an OD hue. For the most part, camp newspapers are GI from front page to gags; only about a fifth of the papers coming over our exchange desk are issued by private enterprises.

Some of them carry an impressive list of GIs and their workmanship, with impressive lists of editors of this and that, photographers, artists, lithographers, etc.; some have smaller staffs, right down to the 120th Infantry's "Buzz Saw" which proclaims that it is written, illustrated, and produced by its two co-editors.

What's in a Masthead

Names make news. It'd be interesting but cumbersome to have a neat and studious tabulation of camp newspaper names with footnotes and stuff showing that so many camps get out "Timeses" and so many more publish "Newsies."

There are plenty of each of these, together with "Mirrors," "Digests," "Journals," "Posts," "Messages," and the rest of the old standbys.

Type of Masthead Originality

One runs along the camp's business, as: Camp Blanding's "Bayonet"; Carlisle Barracks' "Medical Soldier"; Camp Davis' "AA Barrage"; Fort Eustis' "Sky Watch"; the Fourth Ferrying Group's "Ferrygram"; Camp Howze's "Howitzer"; Camp Hulen's "Searchlight"; Camp Stewart's "Shoot 'Em Down" or Camp Tyson's "Gasbag."

And then there are plenty of animals loose in the papers—Ft. Huachuca's "Buffalo"; Ft. Greeley's "Kodiak Bear"; Gordon Johnston's "Amphibian"; Camp Williston's "Desert Scorpion"; Yale's "Beaver"; San Luis Obispo's "Wildcat."

Among the Air Force papers, "Flying This or That" predominates, with some kind of "Wings" running a close second—"The Flying V" of Love Field; Waco AAF's "Wing Tips"; Kelly Field's "Flying Times"; "Wing Tips" from the San Bernardino AAF; "Beam," "Beacon" and "Bombardier" are also favorites of the Air Forces. Then there are Enid AAF's "Plane Facts"; "To Keep 'Em Flying"; "A la Moad" from Brookley Field and, we knew someone would have it, MacDill Field's "Fly Leaf."

Other mastheads that ring the bell are Camp Wheeler's "Spoke"; the "Jungle Mudder" published by the Coast Artillery Command; Camp Phillips' "Prairie Schooner"; Camp Van Dorn's "Blood and Thunder."

Quizz Answers

(See "Army Quiz," column 1)

1. C. General Arnold says only one true air force should be destroyed.
2. B. "And," General Arnold says.
3. C. The Arnold report says 26,900.
4. B. Increased 9,000 per cent.
5. C. But in November, 1943, 7,598 planes were produced.
6. C. The Arnold report says 26,900.
7. General Arnold says it is true.
8. B.
9. C. "And," General Arnold says.
10. A. "The RAF," using but a handful of obsolete planes, but operating in concentrated mass, as a true air force should be destroyed.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE by Arthur Koestler (The MacMillan Co., New York City, \$2.00).

Arthur Koestler, who has experienced the horrors of war from active duty to imprisonment, here tells the story of a mentally-twisted young refugee from the Nazi torture chamber. Peter, an anti-Nazi only by circumstance, in a neutral country recovers his integrity and finds the reason for continuing to fight. In his struggle he is aided by a strong woman psychologist and a young girl who typifies to him those things for which men die to preserve.

By means of a well-handled psychoanalysis, the author shows Peter's childhood, student days, imprisonment and torture as one great pattern.

"Arrival and Departure" is an exciting novel for the story alone; it is highly recommended for those who are striving to think clearly about their personal approach to war.

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Joe and Sgt. Mauldin Give Civilians a Break

(Continued from Page 1)

Phoenix home base, but we of New Mexico could claim him without much resistance on his part.

Bill has drawn ever since he was a child. He always drew pictures of the things he wanted to grow up to be, such as cowboys and soldiers, not realizing that what he really wanted to become was a man who draws pictures.

He graduated from high school in Phoenix at 17, took a year at the Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago, and at 18 was in the Army. He did 64 days of K. P. duty in his first four months. That fairly cured him of a lifelong worship of uniforms.

Mauldin belongs to the 45th Division. Their record has been a fine one, and their losses have been heavy. Mauldin's typical grim cartoon soldier is really a 45th Division Infantryman, and he is one who has truly been through the mill.

Mauldin was detached from straight soldier duty after a year in the infantry, and put to work on the division's weekly paper. His true war cartoons started in Sicily and have continued on through Italy, gradually gaining recognition.

Capt. Bob Neville, Stars and Stripes editor, shakes his head with

a veteran's admiration and says of Mauldin:

"He's got it. Already he's the outstanding cartoonist of the war."

Mauldin works in a cold, dark little studio in the back of Stars & Stripes' Naples office. He wears silver-rimmed glasses when he works. His eyes used to be good, but he damaged them in his early Army days by drawing for too many hours at night with poor light.

He averages about three days out of 10 at the front, then comes back and draws up a large batch of cartoons. If the weather is good he sketches a few details at the front. But the weather is usually lousy.

"You don't need to sketch details anyhow," he says. "You come back with a picture of misery and cold and danger in your mind and you don't need any more details than that."

His cartoon in Stars & Stripes is headed "Up Front . . . By Mauldin." The other day some soldier wrote in a nasty letter asking what the hell did Mauldin know about the front.

Stars & Stripes printed the letter. Beneath it in italics they printed a short editor's note: "Sgt. Bill Mauldin received the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving in Italy with Private Blank's own regi-



Sgt. Bill Mauldin

ment."

That's known as telling 'em.

Bill Mauldin is a rather quiet fellow, a little above medium size. He smokes and swears a little and talks frankly and pleasantly. He is not eccentric in any way.

Even though he's just a kid he's a husband and father. He married in 1942 while in camp in Texas, and his son was born last Aug. 20 while Bill was in Sicily. His wife and child are living in Phoenix now. Bill carries pictures of them in his pocketbook.

Unfortunately for you and Mauldin both, the American public has no opportunity to see his daily drawings. But that isn't worrying him. He realizes this is his big chance.

After the war he wants to settle again in the Southwest, which he and I love. He wants to go on doing cartoons of these same guys who are now fighting in the Italian hills, except that by then they'll be in civilian clothes and living as they should be.



Bill MAULDIN—WITH OKLAHOMA'S 45TH DIVISION

"HURRY UP with that ammunition, will ya? We Can't Bluff 'Em Much Longer!"



"George Fielding Elliot is right. Firepower SHOULD be sacrificed for mobility!"



"Well, personally, I never play with th' joker—but it seems to me five aces would beat a straight flush."

All Records Topped as ASF Moves Supplies Through Oran

WASHINGTON—More than 4 million tons of cargo and hundreds of thousands of troops were moved through the port of Oran by the Transportation Corps in the year following the invasion of North Africa, the War Department announced this week.

It has been rated the greatest transportation and supply operation in the history of the American Army. Similar operations are underway at other captured ports in North Africa, Sicily and Italy through which are passing millions of tons of supplies required by troops in the Mediterranean Theater.

When the blueprints for the invasion of North Africa were drawn, it was estimated that 3,500 tons of supplies could be moved through the port of Oran every 24 hours. At the end of the third day of the invasion, the Transportation Corps was moving nearly three times this tonnage across the docks from sunrise to sunset.

From the time the first cargo net was swung from the hold of a freighter, the port of Oran has been working at full blast, 24 hours a day and seven days a week to keep the supplies moving to the troops as they advanced through North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

When the first ships carrying the Army Service Forces contingent—the Transportation Corps, the Quartermaster, the Engineers, Ordnance

and Signal Corps troops—arrived, they found the decks stacked high with hogsheads of wine. These had to be moved to make a place for the vast supply of five-gallon "blitz" cans of gasoline to be unloaded.

To move the gasoline cans to rear fuel dumps, members of the Transportation Corps commandeered three charcoal-burning ten-ton French trucks. At first, Arab drivers balked at driving these flaming-torch trucks fearing that sparks from the smokestacks might ignite the cargoes of gasoline. To ease their fears Transportation Corps officers rode on each truck.

Reconditioned Vehicles Now Going Overseas

WASHINGTON — Reconditioned standard type wheeled vehicles are being shipped to combat areas overseas, the War Department announced this week. The growing number of vehicles in Army motor pools in continental United States and the more efficient utilization of repair facilities have made this possible.

These reconditioned vehicles are thoroughly overhauled in Ordnance service shops and must pass rigid "good as new" tests before they are approved for overseas shipment.

Soldier Shows Pass in Review

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment!"
Gen. John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

Over Here

Life With Grandma and Grandpa.
Fort Worth Army Air Field, Tex. Gay Nineties Revue: Swing-time grandma to up-to-the-minute times and looking at grandpa through the wrong end of a telescope is fun for everybody, including grandma and grandpa. Proving it, show opened with a number called "Warbling Waiters," with the dough-boy waiters waiting on themselves between notes. After the warbling and moustache dipping, terpsichorens (WACs) disported themselves as the "Can-Can Cuties." An old-timey tear jerker, "Get Your Hankies," by another member of the women's Army Corps, proved a wartime laugh jerker.

Then followed "A Trio of Sightless Rodents," demonstrating, in dumb show, the whimsies of those pesky characters. A thirsty policeman and an alcho-lined pedestrian cooperated in "Father Is Fussing Again"—to the delight of the audience. Fiddle whamming and close harmony showed the wares of "The Terrific Three." A "Tenth Night in a Bar Room," of course, presents a lot of possibilities—and did.

Cow's in the Corn
310th Inf., Camp Butler, N. C. Meadow Variety Show: With an unpainted barn for a backdrop, a jeep headlight for a spot, five hundred EMs, a dozen tobacco farmers, several chickens, and a cow named "Blossom" for an audience, this one-off with a number of pastoral and romantic vocalizations. The

equally well-known figures, Adolph H. and the Sad Sack, comprising the dramatic cast of "Der Fuehrer's Face" rolled them right in the clover. A guitar, fiddle, and bass viol took 'em round the mount'n with the "Hilltoppers." Living conditions being what they are and hotel "accommodations" being what THEY are, "Check Me Out," provided a scene duggery never contemplated in the hotel manager's offer of "room service." Well, it was all in the spirit of good barnyard humor.

Over There

NEW GUINEA New Guinea Follies of 1944

Featuring two lines of husky legs, the white GI jills doing the "can-can" and the colored misses cavorting through "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," this super-doooper revue included original comedy skits, singers, and foot warmers which beat the yard-birds out of the bush.

Touring the area, this show employed an especially constructed portable curtain rigging which proved very helpful in setting up the stage. Having already played about ten days up to December 12, it has more than six weeks to go before ending its run. Put up the "SRO" and translate it, "Socks Rookie Opus!"

MORE SHOW PIECES

Suggesting Possible Routines

If the yardbird takes some time out to watch a few tipplers, he'll see at least two well-known characters who can be imitated in a skit or scene or developed into a series like the "Baron" or "Molasses and January" sketches, with laughs as a result. One of these characters is the quiet type who does a masterful job—he thinks—of never revealing his spiffier condition except by elaborate self-control; another act that is good for guffaws is the "I'll whip a battalion" type—with the overseas cap vaguely Napoleonic, his blouse unbuttoned and askew and his tie waving like a red flag.

In this season of singing, it is revealing to observe the antics of the performer who makes a running, jumping, waving, stamping, gymnastic comment on what was once called music! This is the athletic

Do You Know Any of These?

THE LOCATORS have requests for the addresses of the following officers' wives. Send any that you may know to Box 537, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Mrs. Wm. H. W. Youngs (Helen McBride) (Col., Cav.).

Ready On The Right . . .

Little George Platt, St. Paul, Minn., caught a skunk. He boarded a street car for home. His 22 fellow-passengers left soon and he was escorted to the street by the conductor. He then visited a tavern, where his mother works. The bouncer was quick on the uptake. He tried a movie and soon found himself alone, that is, until the manager found him and then the theatre was empty. Mrs. Platt is not entertaining this week.

Another skunk launched a gas attack in a fight with a Rhode Island hen in Hawthorne, N. J. The attack upset the hen so bad she failed to lay an egg that day. The next day she recovered and laid a three and three-fourths inch egg encasing a regular egg.

"Look a bee straight in the eye and he won't hurt you," advises Rudolph C. Bryant. Bryant should know—he raises 40,000 in his Chicago dining room. Guests don't stay for dinner.

Six bears will arrive at a Hollywood studio which ordered five. It all started in Kansas City when a mama bear gave birth to a baby bear. She ran off Papa bear, who immediately got in a fight with the other two bears. Then Mama bear got mad at baby bear and deserted him. The action took place in an express car speeding west.

A Knoxville, Tenn., woman told the judge that her husband offered to marry her for the second time if she gave him \$900; if they didn't agree she got the money back. They didn't, but she was willing to lose it just to get rid of him for the second time.

The Bloomington, Ill., police report a deer AWOL from the city park. It is a case of lost dignity. The deer was whipped by an elk.

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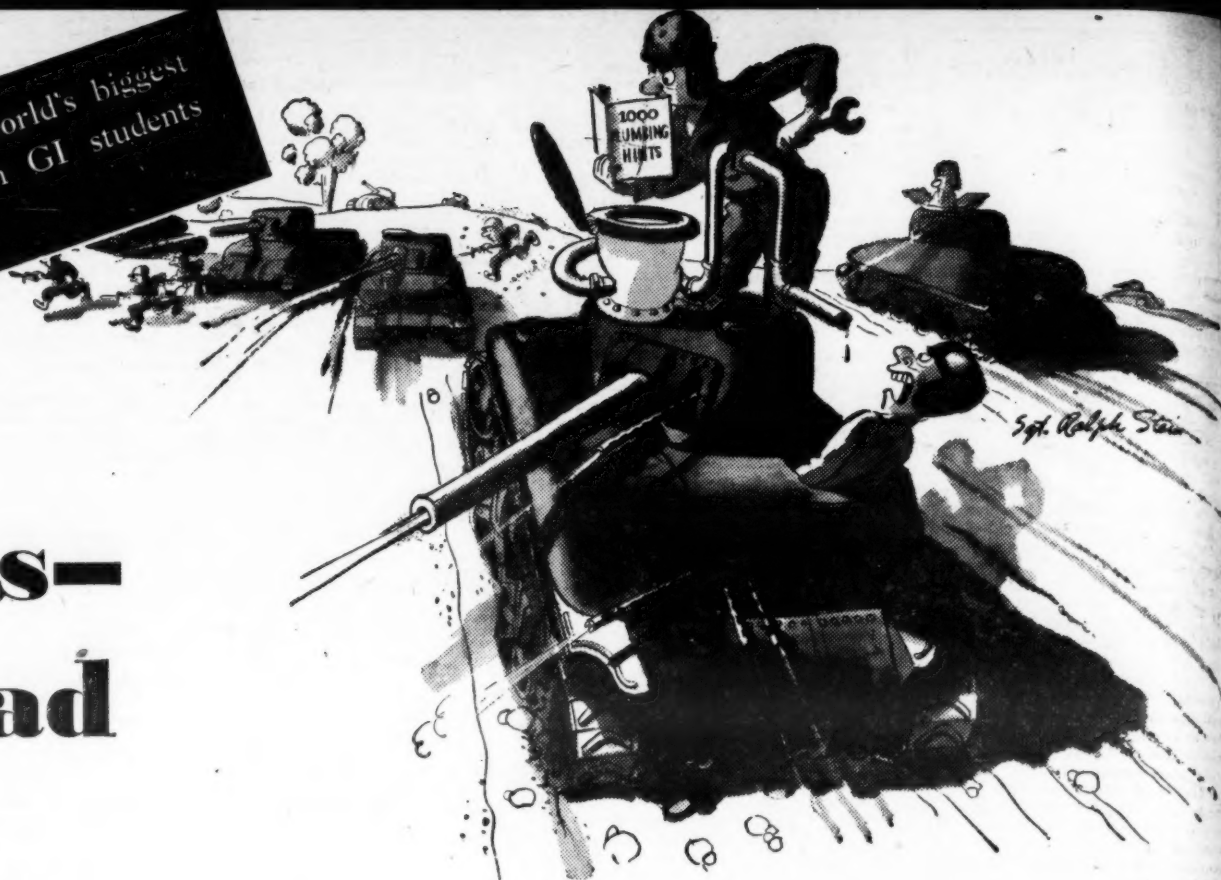
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